Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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Prices and Prospects.

COKE CONTRACTS FOR COMING YEAR ON WAITING LIST

A Prospective Price of $2.75 But Disposition to Await Events.

PRESENT PRICES FIRMLY HELD

Curious Feature of Market Is Buying by Furnaces Already Covered by Contract—Foundry Consumers Disposed to Contract into New Year

Special to The Weekly Courier

PITTSBURG September 11—Last week's advance in prompt furnace coke has been easily held although sales have not been as heavy, aggregating probably 5 000 to 6 000 tons at $2 30 and $2 35 prices which there seems to be no difficulty in obtaining A sale of 5 000 tons on contract for delivery during the fourth quarter is reported this afternoon at $2 40 The strike troubles in West Virginia have had a stiffening effect on the coke market Coal shipments to western by product plants whose coke is used for furnace purposes have been curtailed and by product production cut down correspondingly Martial law in West Virginia promises to make better coke business in the Connellsville region

The heavy rains of the past two or three weeks have decreased shipments from certain plants and have made blast furnaces shop here and there bringing a demand into the market from unexpected quarters The curious feature of the past 30 days or more has been that the buying has been largely by furnaces already covered by contracts, rather than by furnaces not covered Indeed appearances are that there is not as much uncovered tonnage among furnaces in operation as was thought The demand of the next few months is likely to come chiefly from consumers who do not receive full shipments on their contracts and from furnaces now idle getting into blast.

There is considerable discussion in the trade as to contracts for foundry coke for the first half of 1913 but it can hardly be said that there are any definite negotiations on as yet The two parties would be found for prices if they undertook to negotiate Furnacemen have not become accustomed to prices now ruling being disposed to regard them as exceptional and not altogether in keeping with pig iron prices which while they have advanced have not advanced nearly as much as in previous furies when coke crossed the $2 line On the other hand operators as far as they have made up their minds at all are disposed to hold out for a sizable advance above the present market say a price of $3 They are content to wait until the furnacemen are more in line with their ideas for they are looking for further and considerable advances in pig iron A distinct point in favor of this waiting game is the fact that the market has actually opened at an advance for next year as compared with this year Several sales of foundry iron have been made in local territory at 50 cents advance for first quarter over what the same furnaces would do for this year In other pig iron districts the same thing has occurred and Southern iron has regularly been selling at about 50 cents advance for late delivery over early deliveries so that the tendency in the pig iron market may be regarded as general

There has been some negotiating on foundry coke contracts beginning October 1 as a few of such contracts expire at that time and in this case the consumers are disposed to contract into next year rather than buy for only the last three months of this year

The market stands quotable as follows.

Prompt furnace	$2 30 @ $2 35
Contract furnace (nom.)	@ $2 40
Prompt foundry	$2 40 @ $2 50
Contract foundry	$2 40 @ $2 75

The general iron and steel trade has shown a slight improvement in the past week Specifications appear to be somewhat heavier for finished steel products although even in July and August they ran well ahead of shipments while in pig iron there is quite a general tendency on the part of furnaces to advance asking prices Transactions have been light in the past week and it remains to be seen whether the tendency to advance asking prices is going to result in a general advance in the actual markets Bessemer iron however is quotable at an advance of 25 cents on light sales The market is quotable in general as follows Bessemer $15 Basic $14 @ $14 25 Malleable $14 @ $14 50 No 2 Foundry $14 25 @ $14 Forge $13 75 @ $14 00 f o b Valley furnaces 90 cents higher delivered Pittsburg

B & O Orders 2 000 Coal Cars.

Freight cars are no longer idle. The fortnightly report of the American Railway Association, issued yesterday states that on August 29 there were in the United States and Canada only 3 750 cars not then needed for use. Two weeks before there were 43 901 idle cars and at the end of April 138 881 Box cars and coal cars are now in pressing demand The Baltimore & Ohio railroad finding itself short of equipment, has just placed a hurry order for 2,000 coal cars.

THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE STEEL AND IRON BOOM

As Indicated by the Unfilled Tonnages of the United States Steel Corporation

Special to The Weekly Courier

NEW YORK September 11—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will say tomorrow morning

The Steel Corporation's report of yesterday shows an August increase of 206 296 tons following July's increase of 141 768 tons and making a total increase from April 1st to September 1 of 858 934 tons March having shown a decrease The August increase was about 18% of capacity indicating that bookings exceeded shipments by this amount and we estimate shipments at 95% of capacity and bookings therefore at 110% of capacity compared with July shipments of 82% and bookings at 95% The Corporation would wind up the year in relatively strong position even should its bookings for the balance of the year fall somewhat behind shipments This of course is not probable as the market is full as strong as it was in July and August and the Corporation's experience is no better than that of the average independent

While spectacular price advances appear to be over in the finished steel trade the trend such as it is is still upwards Many of the independent sheet mills have been advancing prices following the $2 a ton advance last week by independent plate mills and the sheet market is today quotable at $2 a ton higher on black sheets and $2 to $3 a ton higher on galvanized sheets For two or three weeks past some of the independents have been securing premiums on both black and galvanized and this week the conditions crystallize into what may be regarded as a definite advance

The National Tube Company under date of September 10th issued new lists on merchant steel pipe and on steel boiler tubes Boiler tubes are advanced one point throughout or $2 a ton while in merchant pipe there is simply a rearrangement some sizes like ½ to 1¾ inch black and galvanized remaining unchanged while some other sizes in black are advanced one to two points and some sizes in galvanized one to three points The independents will doubtless adopt the new lists

Southern pig iron had advanced 50 cents a ton and is quotable on the basis of $13 Birmingham with $12 paid for first quarter Several advances have occurred in Northern grades and the following averages in our composite indicate the equivalent of an average advance in all grades in one week of 20 cents a ton Pig iron is now on average of $17 a ton higher than at the beginning of the year which marked a low point

IRON AND STEEL SHIPMENTS IN AUGUST BREAK 1907 MARK

Total Output of Last Month Based on Statistics was 2 490 178 Tons

Shipments of iron and steel products last month were the heaviest since 1907 and with some mills all previous records were shattered says The Iron Trade Review Another remarkable feature of the market in this particular district at least is the fact that new orders booked last month almost equalled those of July which was considered the banner month of the year Many of the leading manufacturers consider existing conditions the most wholesome that have been enjoyed for five years although some who are inclined to be more conservative express the fear that buying may be restricted because of advanced price values and it is claimed that much of the demand is abnormal in nature Quiet buying has taken place the past week or 10 days and other smart advances in nearly all grades have been experienced Much interest is manifested by consumers for next year's iron but sellers are slow to consider such sales Wire products have been quick to respond to advanced quotations and tin plate shows indication of advancing in value in the near future Several makers of iron pipe have issued new cards showing advances of $2 a ton and steel pipe is expected to advance in value shortly Cold rolled shafting is being quoted $2 higher than it was a week ago by some of the mills

MORE WEST VIRGINIA DAMS.

West Virginia Development Company Plans Extension of Power

The West Virginia Development Company formerly with offices here it is said already is planning the construction of more power dams in Cheat river and its tributaries Engineers recently made surveys and prepared statistics regarding the Cheat river water sheds Ground for the proposed dams already has been obtained it is said An official of the company in Connellsville Friday on his return to the Pittsburg offices told of the plans.

At Cheat Haven where the first dam is being constructed by the T A Gillespie Company 600 laborers and two big steam shovel are already at work Large wooden barges for use in the construction of the coffer dams are being built at the edge of the river steel dump cars to convey material over the top of the dam have been unloaded and timber for use in the coffer dam is hauled to the site daily

Bids for the construction of the new railroad up Cheat river from Cheat Haven to Ices Ferry have been received and the contract for the road one mile of which has been graded will be awarded soon, it is reported Laborers are arriving at Cheat Haven daily.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING SEPT 7 1912				WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31 1912			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons.	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	22 685	16,578	6 107	200 547	22 685	16 509	6 176	210 870
Lower Connellsville	16 01	13 904	2 010	157 102	16 043	13 506	2 537	161 015
Totals	38 728	30 372	8,156	357 639	38,728	30 015	8 713	371 915
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	18 106	13 361	4 745	162 181	18 106	13 259	4 847	170 647
Lower Connellsville	5,671	4 394	1 277	53,401	5 671	4,300	1 371	54 685
Totals	23 777	17,755	6 022	215,582	23 777	17 59	6 218	225 30
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	4 579	3 217	1,362	38 186	4 579	3 0	1 539	40 225
Lower Connellsville	10 72	9 600	772	104 091	10 372	9 206	1 166	106 360
Totals	14 951	12 817	2,134	142 277	14 951	12 156	2 795	146 585

SHIPMENTS	WEEK ENDING SEPT 7 1912	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31 1912
To Pittsburg	3 778 Cars	3 815 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	5 90 Cars	6 281 Cars
To Points East of the Region	9 0 Cars	93 Cars
Total is	10 611 Cars	11 032 Cars

WEST VIRGINIA FIRM IN DICKER FOR 10-MILL PLANT HERE

Pittsburg Sheet & Tin Plate Co. Negotiates With Chamber of Commerce.

HUMBERT WORKS ARE VIEWED

Proposed Sites in Connellsville and Scottdale Inspected by Representatives of Corporation Who Are Said to Favor Location in This City

Negotiations for the location of a new 10 mill sheet and tin plate plant in Connellsville are being conducted by officials of the Pittsburg Sheet & Tin Plate Company chartered under the laws of West Virginia and with headquarters in Morgantown W Va and the directors of the Connellsville Chamber of Commerce The Hon George C Sturgiss Vice President and an incorporator of the company has been in Connellsville and presented a proposition for locating here to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Proposed sites in Connellsville and Scottdale it is said have been inspected by officials of the company It is run over the company may buy the Humbert plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company which is idle and which it is reported the owners is willing to sell

Following a conference at Morgantown between Secretary Hoge of the Chamber of Commerce and George C Sturgiss the latter came to Connellsville and presented the company's proposition details of which have not been made public

The Pittsburg Sheet & Tin Plate Company was organized several months ago by Sturgiss Tilkin C Taylor and Philadelphia capitalists The first proposition for the location of a plant was made the Morgantown Board of Trade through its guarantee association but that organization was not able to accept Negotiations later were taken up with the Greensburg Board of Trade

STATE THIRD IN BRICK MAKING

United States Geological Survey Gives $74,122 000 as 1911 Output

The clay working industries of the United States had in 1911 a production valued at $16 236 181 according to the United States Geological Survey which has just issued a chart compiled by Jefferson Middleton showing the total output by States of all the different clay products The total production of common brick was $47 2 7 000, valued at $49 88 262 Of this New York contributed the largest amount namely 1 143 6 000 valued at $7 918 286 Illinois was second in output with 1 074 486 000 but the product had the greater value of $6 1 6 911 No other State reached the 1 000 000 000 mark Pennsylvania coming third with 774 122 000 bricks The chart gives the figures of production for other kinds of brick—vitrified brick front brick fire brick etc—as well as for terra cotta drainage, sewer pipe stove lining and pottery products The production of all kinds of bricks was more than 10 000 000 000

In total production of clay products Ohio heads the list with a value of $32 6 1 5 or one fifth of the total for the United States Pennsylvania is second with $20,270 034 New Jersey third with $15 178 228 and Illinois fourth with $14 233 011

P R R Firemen Vote Strike

Pennsylvania railroad telegraph is east of Pittsburg and Erie have voted to strike unless demands are granted for an increase in wages of 10 percent two days off a month and a uniform schedule of working conditions Order of Railroad Telegraphers officials claim they have 2 800 members on the lines east of Pittsburg.

CROP REPORTS INDICATION OF INCREASED PROSPERITY

Figures Compiled by Experts Show Country Wealthier by Leaps and Bounds.

Speaking of the recent unparalleled activity in coal and other industrial lines the Black Diamond has the following to say

The consensus of opinion is that when prosperity returns it rides in on a chariot of returned confidence In the last four or five years the railroad presidents and Wall street financiers and New York bankers have been trying to manufacture that chariot by lies and sundry demonstrations on the stock market which in loosely constructed parlance might be termed manipulation It last manipulation of course for use that is not permitted by stock exchange rules The effect apparently was to deplete the exchequers of the railroads to pay dividends and to put some of the other companies out in cultivable finance position They maintained a certain high line of stocks but never succeeded in bulling the cautious stock buyers back into the market or of coaxing any money to business

Within the last two weeks however prosperity has actually returned and this time confidence is genuine being based upon the general crop figures The public mind grasped the fact that the crop of corn is the biggest in the history of this country the public quite clearly seized upon that fact in fact the major part of its argument The public has been trained to think that a big crop means primarily a big railroad tonnage a big railroad earnings hence good stock market reports but secondarily it means a demand for more car power more engines and more track supply

Then the public has been trained to think that when the faith of the people buoyed by a strong market is carried to greater heights enthusiastic orders placed for steel for cars and for engines but every line of business is going to profit because of it But it is the public sees that the farmers possessed of more will spend it The farmers go in for diversified merchandise and thus support the communities as a whole the railroads go in for steel and specialties thus touching another part of the population through the manufacturing centers Thus the public has come to believe that when these two fountains of money are spouting prosperity that the time for big and prosperous business has already arrived

Thus in the last week the people convinced that something was going to happen have started in to make it happen The railroads have started in buying cars and engines, for instance and the steel mills are so busy that instead of running from hand to mouth they are behind in orders for about two months That means that in the last two weeks there has been a decided boom in pig iron and in coke

With the steel trade active manufacturing lines are also shown to be quite busy *Thus means a demand for coal*

Thus starting with the bumper crop of records the whole country has sprung into a sudden spurt of optimism for good times and the trade is moving ahead with leaps and bounds This has been the one big influence on and story and the one big factor in the improvement of the coal trade There are those who predict that there can be no abatement in business until well along next spring Indeed it seems this prophecy is not altogether without foundation

NEW RECORD FOR I O V LINE

Passenger and Freight Business for August Exceeds Prior Marks

The Indian Creek Valley Railroad Company established a new record for amount of business handled last month All previous traffic records both passenger and freight were broken

One of the principal freight shipments was more than 150 car loads of timber Upwards of 6 000 passengers rode on the Indian Creek Valley trains during the month

WESTERN MARYLAND DEBT ON LOCAL LINE PAID BY MORTGAGE?

Reported New System May Ask Loan to Pay Notes Due July 15, 1915.

MAY COVER ALL THE BRANCHES

Paper, Amounting to $10 000 000 is Secured by the Stock of Connellsville & State Line Railroad Company Redeemable at 90 Days

Among the roads that will be called upon for new financing in the near future is the Western Maryland Railway company Report that the company must retire $10 000 000 short term 5 per cent notes which were issued in December of last year and which mature on the 15th inst

It is the general impression that the Western Maryland will issue special mortgage covering all its lines if issued the new mortgage would become a first mortgage on the new Connellsville extension and a refunding mortgage on the remaining properties of the company At the present time there is no bonded indebtedness on the Connellsville extension the construction of the line having been financed by the issue of common stock It has been intimated that the indenture might have a conversion feature permitting bonds to be converted into the company's common stock

The $10 000 000 short term notes were largely taken by the Rockefeller interests which are heavily interested in the Western Maryland and the proceeds of the sale were utilized for locomotive equipment for the new road and for making terminal improvements at Baltimore and at other important points along the line

The notes are secured by the stock of the Connellsville & State Line Railroad which constructed the new Cumberland extension and other facilities The securities are redeemable at 102 on 90 days notice

RUMOR SCOUTED THAT FRICK WILL CONTROL CAMBRIA STEEL

Financiers Doubt that Pennsylvania Railroad Intends to Dispose of Its Holdings

The rumor that the Pennsylvania Railroad is going to dispose of its holdings in the Cambria Steel Company is given little credence by financiers who are in close touch with both companies The bulk of the buying of Cambria on the recent advance is credited to Henry C Frick and P A B Widener

Frick is hardly the largest individual shareholder and Widener was also a very heavy holder of Cambria although it is believed that he disposed of part of his holdings during one of the upmoves last year or two Notwithstanding his large holdings Frick is not a member of the board but his interests are represented by a Western Pennsylvania steel man who is also a large holder of the stock

While it is not believed the board will make a change in the dividend at its meeting next month it is quite probable that if business continues good and the outlook favors the dividend will be increased from 6 per cent early next year Frick it is understood is desirous of issuing the $5 000 000 of stock in the treasury which cannot be put out for less than par

West Newton Miner Electrocuted

WEST NEWTON Sept 11—While making an inspection of water in the mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company near here yesterday Paul Martin aged 35 a pumper came against charged wire and was electrocuted His body was found by a party of miners going to work.

Production and Output.

BLAST FURNACE GAIN DURING AUGUST WAS 97,111 TONS

All Previous Records of the Mills Were Shattered Last Month

The trade in the Connellsville district in blast furnace activities during August as evidenced by the figures just published showing the total production of coke in the region in the county in August The adjustment was 414 675 tons compared with 317 564 tons in July an increase of 97 111 tons The August total was the second highest for the present year falling a few thousand tons short of May but with that exception was the largest in any months of the March 1910 The increase was made despite the fact that several large stacks were out of blast for the season's repairs The daily average output in August was 13 377 tons against 10 247 tons in July a daily average increase of 3 130 tons

By far the larger share of the gain in production was due to the increased activities in merchant stacks The total merchant iron production in August was 231 886 tons compared with 146 585 tons in July a gain of 85 301 tons The steel works of merchant furnaces showed an increased output of 44 671 tons producing 2 844 65 tons last month against 1 799 1 tons in July

An unusually large number of furnaces was lighted last month the number of stacks in blast on the last day of August being 145 as compared with 130 on the last day of July making a net gain in the active list of 15 The gain was made entirely in the merchant stacks 17 of which were relighted while three were blown out making a net gain of 14 of the steel works or non merchant stacks last month four were relighted while an equal number were put out of blast leaving the number active unchanged In all 17 stacks were lighted in August and seven were blown out

The production of spiegel in August was 13 917 tons compared with 14 1 tons in July and tons of 3 518 tons last month The total output of ferro was 13 947 tons against 11 8 tons in July a net gain of 302 tons in August

STATE LEADS ALL OTHERS IN MINING SAYS U. S. CENSUS

According to the 1909 Report Pennsylvania's Output is Valued at $449 059 786

More than $1 000 000 000 is the gross value of products including fuel gas and metallic minerals in the United States according to a statement of the Census Bureau

This stupendous valuation is for the year 1 0 and represents an increase of per cent over the same item of the year 1 0 The number of persons employed in this country should reach this year nearly $1 109 000 00 Larger sum than is needed to operate the American Government to build and furnish the battleship of the greatest American navy with steel

According to the Census Bureau the gross value of products from mines and quarries including coal and metallic minerals in 1 0 was $1 38 10 The total exceeds the combined with the operation of 1 great industries in the same year by $1 04 4 01 leaving nearly $ 00 000 00 as profit In 1 0 the value of the products was $7 14 6 16

Pennsylvania by a wide margin maintained its supremacy as the leading mining and quarrying state in the Union and of the coke produced at the mines amounting to $ 7 14 , of which bituminous coal contributed $149 50 471 and bituminous $4 96 464

B & O MERGER SEPT 25

Pittsburg & Connellsville Stockholders of Consolidation

Notice was received Thursday of a special meeting of shareholders of the Pittsburg & Connellsville Railroad Company to be held in Pittsburg September for the purpose of taking action on the proposed merger and consolidation of the Pittsburg & Connellsville Railroad Company the Pittsburg Railroad Company the Pittsburg Junction Railroad Company the Mt Pleasant & Uniontown Railroad Company the Ohio & Baltimore Short Line Railway Company the Somerset & Cambria Railroad Company the Glenco Railroad Company and the Fayette County Railroad Company

These roads the subsidiary to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company which controls the majority of stock in each of them in one instance owning the entire issue.

The notice was signed by G W Wofford secretary with headquarters in Baltimore Md

Connift Takes Brewers Place

J W G Brewer formerly master mechanic at the Mount Clare shops of the Baltimore & Ohio has been promoted to be superintendent of the shops with headquarters at Mount Clare effective September 1 Brewer is succeeded as master mechanic by P Connift of Connellsville

COKE PRODUCTION WATER-LOGGED BY STORMS LAST WEEK

Production Fell Off 14,000 Tons and Shipments Over 100 Cars.

600 IDLE OVENS FIRED UP

Two Thirds of Which Are Merchant Ovens Indicating That the Operators Are Preparing for an Increased Demand for Connellsville Coke

The Connellsville coke trade was watered last week The rains and floods so hampered operations that production fell off 14 000 tons and shipments 400 cars The furnace ovens seem to have suffered most severely the decrease in their output being 10 000 tons as against 5 000 tons for the merchant plants Conditions are rightly declared themselves as week and production seems to show a decided increase. There is an increasing demand for Connellsville coke due to the increasing volume of iron and steel business in the country and the operators are trying to keep pace with the strides of the consumers An indication of this condition is found in the firing up of some 600 ovens last week Of these 400 were merchant ovens and 200 furnace ovens

Production fell off 14 0 5 ons last week as compared with the week before the total being 3 7 529 tons as against 4 1 91 tons The furnace ovens were the principal losers with a decrease of 9 68 tons their total being 1 9 tons as compared with 3 3 tons The merchant ovens lost 5 38 tons as compared with the preceding week their total being 11 tons is against 146 585 tons

The running time was 5 63 as compared with 5 days the previous week The average of the furnace ovens was 5 2 days as against days while the merchant ovens increased 0 7 days as compared with 5 days

Of the 1 7 furnace ovens in operation 110 ran seven days 1 ran six days and 5 048 ran five days

Of the 1 81 merchant ovens in operation 4 08 ran six days 5 1 ran five days and 1 ran four days and 38 ran three days

Of the entire 30 5 2 ovens in operation 110 ran seven days 1 6 ran six days 13 1 ran five days, 9 ran four days and 38 ran three days.

Shipments fell off 421 cars as compared with the preceding week the total being 10 611 cars as against 11 03 cars The loss was general all along the line Shipments to Pittsburg decreased 47 cars the total being 3 778 cars as compared with 3 5 cars to Pittsburg 381 cars the total being 3 903 cars as against 4 284 cars and to points east 3 cars the total being 9 0 cars as compared with 93 cars

The number of active ovens in the region was increased by the running of 10 at Percent No 1 of at Century 74 Hecla 101 Sterling 100 at McKeesrocks and 17 at Sterling out of 99 And decreased by the blowing out of 4 at Acme and 18 at Sterling total 42 making a net increase of 68 ovens.

The following table shows the trend of production during the current year

Week	Ovens in Blast	Make Tons	Per Cent
Jan 6	— 10	1 7 0	15
Jan 1	5 14	1 5 —	4 0
Jan —	49 15	14 1 —	2 3
Jan —	49 1	145 1 —	0
Feb 10	1 1	147 1 —	21 9
Feb 17	5 1 69	14 114	20 4 5
Feb —	91	14 9 4	24 9
Mar —	96 10	14 4 3	17 9
Mar —	4 1	1 1 19	4 6
Mar 14	4 1	1 —	— 4
Mar —	96 5 4	1 1 19	4 6
Mar —	41 14	1 7 90	— 41
Apr 1	41 4 4	1 5 7 2	6 —
Apr 1	9 3 9	14 9 5	30 9
Apr 0	1 0	14 1 7	4 3
Apr —	4 1 4 4	1 0 —	— 1
May 4	4 1 4	14 — 7	40 1
May 11	4 1 6	14 — 1	4 9
May 18	5 6	1 1 6	5 9
May —	4 1 6	1 9 4	4 5 4
June 1	7 1 1	1 1 5	18
June 8	5	1 — 14	1 11
Jun 1	1 —	1 4 —	1 5
Jun —	— —	14 6	— 4
Jul —	1 6	1 — 1	— 9
July 1	1 —	1 4 6	39 6
July —	1	1 4 6	— 1
Aug 1	1 —	1 1 6	1 7
Aug —	— 1 5	14 1	— 4
Aug 10	5 —	1 1 6	1 1
Aug 17	1 1	14 3 —	— 6
Aug —	1 1 1	14 1 —	— 1
Aug —	1 —	1 5	— 1
Sept 7	— 5	1 —	— 1

The following table gives the number of ovens in operation production and shipments for the corresponding week from 1 0 to date

Year	Ovens in Blast	Output Tons	Shipments Cars
1912	1 —	3 5 1	10 1
1 11	— 1	1 — 1	1 5
1 10	— 1	41 — 4	1 —
1	1 4	1 — 0	1 —
1 0	1 — 1	3 — 1 —	7 5
1		4 —	1 1
1 0	90 5	5 5 6	1 1

Fayette Rebuilds Webster Line

The Fayette Telephone Company expects to begin work tomorrow reconstructing the line between Connellsville and Webster on the Pittsburg trunk Poles and wires are to be replaced Work of stringing a new line to Normalville for improved service to subscribers along Indian Creek, will begin about the 15th.

COMBUSTION OF COAL RAISES TEMPERATURE SAYS COLLEGE HEAD

President of University of Wisconsin Tells of Change in Weather of Earth

IN U. S. GEOLOGICAL PAPER

Carbon in Atmosphere, Caused by Burning Enormous Amount of Fuel, Followed by More Vegetation Which Will Produce More Coal.

In "A Treatise on Metamorphism," published by the United States Geological Survey, C. H. Van Hise, President of the University of Wisconsin, discusses the effect of the burning of enormous quantities of coal on the world's temperature. He says that such combustion must steadily vitiate the air by the discharge of carbon dioxide and that this vitiation must bring about a marked increase in the temperature of the globe.

He says: "In 1899 the amount of coal mined and oxidized amounted to 728,287,454 metric tons. At the beginning of the last decade of the 19th century, 1889, the production was only 511,518,358 metric tons. This shows how rapid the increase in the use of coal has been and therefore a combustion of 1,000,000 metric tons a years is probably very conservative as the estimated average for the present century.

"Taking 1,000,000,000 metric tons as the amount of coal oxidized per annum for the future, and supposing the amount of carbon in this coal to average 80 per cent., the quantity of carbon which passes into the atmosphere would be 2,933,333,000 metric tons per annum. This is 0.233 per cent. of the total amount of carbon at present in the atmosphere. If this rate of consumption of coal were continued 812 years the amount of carbon in the atmosphere would be doubled.

"It therefore appears probable that within a comparatively short time in the future, as compared with a single geological period, or even an epoch, the amount of carbon in one of its great reservoirs, the atmosphere, will be increased to an important extent. From this fact various geological consequences are likely to follow. One of the most important of these is a higher average temperature for the globe.

"According to Arrhenius, if the carbon dioxide is increased 2.5 to 3 times its present value the temperature in the arctic regions must rise 8 degrees to 9 degrees Centigrade (14 degrees to 14 degrees Fahrenheit) and produce a climate as mild as that of the Eocene period. According to the above computation, the carbon would be increased by the oxidation of coal alone to three times its present amount in 1,624 years.

"A further consequence which would follow from an increase in the amount of carbon in the atmosphere and the warmer climate would be a much more abundant and widespread vegetation, and more vegetation means that when oxidized more carbon dioxide will be concentrated in the soil, and this concentration will lead to an acceleration in the rate of carbonation.

"Furthermore, the increase in average temperature of the globe will accelerate all other chemical reations of the belt of weathering. It therefore appears probable that the artificial oxidation of coal will result in some of the most profound and far-reaching geological consequences which are due to the agency of man."

GREATEST STEEL CAR DEMAND HALTS OUTPUT OF MAKERS

Plants, Even with Favorable Conditions, Operate at 85 Per Cent. of Capacity.

All the car-building plants in this district are short of labor to an extent that will delay their output on orders already booked. Working under the most favorable conditions, steel car plants are not able to show higher than 85% of capacity. All plants are filled, so far as orders are concerned, and there is urgent demand for their output as fast as it can be prepared, but with shortage of labor affecting the entire district, the companies are now running below normal capacity.

New buying of cars is not active at this time. Accumulated orders are keeping operations under the present heavy strain. The business booked will likely carry most of the companies over the year without additional bookings, and the end of the car-buying movement is believed to be far away, as a number of large railway lines are making tentative inquiries regarding new equipment. As a rule, the car companies are about caught up on their low-priced contracts taken three or four months ago. These were the unfavorable orders accepted when the present improvement in business had not appeared probable to the trade.

The orders now about to be worked out will show better profits. All the steel passenger-car capacity is occupied, and there is enough business on the books to keep the plants going far into the middle of next year. The demand for steel passenger coaches is the heaviest on record.

B. & O. GETS SOMERSET GRANT

Council Gives Company Franchise for Another Track in Pleasant Street.

SOMERSET, Sept. 7.—Council last night, passed an ordinance granting the Baltimore & Ohio railroad the use of Pleasant street for a second track to parallel the present single-track Somerset & Cambria branch, from Main north to Catherine street. A similar measure was vetoed by Burgess Frank M. Forney last week, because there was no provision for driveways, and the blue print accompanying the ordinance did not correspond with certain clauses.

The new ordinance does not require the company to build a new passenger station. It provides for a driveway on the west side of the tracks, instead of between the old and proposed lines.

U. S. WITH 70,000 ENGINES WASTES MOST COAL IN WORLD

Fuel Inspector of Railroad Company Urges Economy in Firing Locomotives.

In an appeal to locomotive engineers a fuel inspector of a railroad in this section has asked that care be taken in the consumption of coal.

"It is true," he said, "that our coal deposits are enormous in extent, but just because our Creator has been so generous in His gifts to mankind we should not treat our trust lightly and wastefully deplete these deposits. We have all the more reason to treat the matter more seriously and show our appreciation.

"The United States produces approximately 500,000,000 tons of coal, of which amount one-fifth is used by the railroads. Enginemen are responsible for handling a stupendous amount of coal—nature's most wonderful gift of energy.

"As much coal is burned in the 70,000 locomotives in the United States and Canada as is burned in the 120,000 locomotives of the rest of the world. Why? Of course we handle greater tonnage per engine, but the principal reason for the foreigner's good showing is the inborn instinct for economy that a foreigner possesses and the personal interest of national resources that has been and is now taking place among foreign nations."

MINERS IN ACME SHAFT AT MT. PLEASANT IN FLOOD TRAP

Rainey Workings Swept by Waters; Blacksmith Near Death by Lightning Bolt.

MT. PLEASANT, Sept. 9.—Many miners were imperiled and the Acme workings of the W. J. Rainey interests at Mt. Pleasant were flooded in a storm Saturday afternoon, which Superintendent Mitchell, of the Acme mine, said today, was the worst of the many this season.

Almost without warning a tremendous volume of water rushed into the Acme shaft. Men in the workings were warned, and escaped with difficulty. Lyman Fox, blacksmith at work on a steel cable, was hurled into the onrushing water by a bolt of lightning which sped into the mine over the wire rope. He was shocked severely, and was rescued from drowning after a hard fight.

The West Penn trolley tracks near the mine were washed out and traffic delayed almost seven hours. A feature of the storm was large hailstones.

Water filled the cellar of the State Armory to a depth almost of a foot.

MT. PLEASANT POLE WORKS REPORTED SOLD FOR $50,000

Plant Idle Almost Eight Years May be Acquired by Pittsburg Interests.

MT. PLEASANT, Sept. 9.—Negotiations for the sale of the Mt. Pleasant Steel Pole Works were closed Saturday afternoon, pending the drawing of papers for the transaction. It is understood Pittsburg interests will take over the property at a price reported to be $50,000. It is understood the plant will resume operations soon.

The steel pole works were established here about eight years ago. Local capital was interested heavily. After running about four months, the plant was closed.

Jas. Shields, representing local stockholders, acquired control of the property. Later, it came under the management of a receiver. S. C. Stevenson is secretary of the company, which manufactures trolley and firealarm poles. Thirty-five men were employed at the outset.

COKEMAN LIVES TEN WEEKS WITH BROKEN BACK, THEN DIES

John Trimmer, of Mt. Pleasant, Succumbs in Hospital, Following Fracture of Spine.

MT. PLEASANT, Sept. 7.—John Trimmer, aged 35 years, died of a broken back in the Mt. Pleasant Memorial hospital yesterday morning.

Trimmer suffered a fracture of the spine in an accident at the Carpentertown works of the Mt. Pleasant Coke Company, on Saturday, June 29, and had been confined in the hospital since that time.

His widow and a daughter survive. He was a member of the Red Men, Eagles and Modern Woodmen of the World. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon; interment in St. John's cemetery.

MINE BLOWN FOR SAFETY TEST

Government to Explode Entries at Bruceton, Pa., on Sept. 20.

To determine the best means for safeguarding against mine disasters, 2,400 feet of main entries, constructed under the direction of Engineer H. W. Wilson, of the local Bureau of Mines, will be exploded at Bruceton, Pa., September 20.

It was announced today that arrangements had been practically completed for this unique experiment and that many American and English mine experts and Congressmen would attend. This will be the first experiment the Government has tried in a practical way. In addition to the relief equipment, many new instruments and testing apparatus for gas will be installed. Dr. J. A. Holmes, chief of the Bureau of Mines, at Washington, has been in charge of the details.

Stoner Coal Company Chartered.

The Stoner Coal Company, incorporated with a capital of $18,000, Saturday, was granted a State charter. The company was formed by A. C. Stickel, Robert Norris and F. M. Richey, following the purchase, recently, of a tract of land near Alverton. The company will begin the immediate development of the property.

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Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
259	146	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
50	30	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
700	200	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
354	150	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
397	369	Bagaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
192	192	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	....	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	200	Bither	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
56	56	Bourne	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	160	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
299	120	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
260	160	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	32	Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	260	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	....	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	150	Clara	Clara Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	100	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	280	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
325	250	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	250	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
333	300	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
280	190	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Allen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Allen No. 5	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
220	180	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
164	125	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
124	117	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
200	200	Heeln No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	210	Heeln No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Heeln No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
60	50	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	....	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
366	300	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	200	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	20	Junction	Marietta-Carrier Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
300	250	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
490	400	Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
496	400	Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	400	Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
257	126	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	257	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	20	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	32	Love	Clyde-Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	40	Mayo	Mayo Coke Co.	Uniontown
510	400	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	300	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	25	Marion	Marion Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
265	112	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
371	214	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
210	210	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.
100	100	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
10	10	Myers	Brownfield-Cville Coke Co.	Uniontown
329	329	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
200	200	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
328	328	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
480	480	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
221	92	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
449	202	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
32	....	Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
16	....	Percy	Marietta & Stillwagon	Percy
400	340	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
446	350	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
650	338	Revere	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
26	26	Sanner	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
110	110	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
42	....	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
36	36	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
448	302	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
625	380	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
220	100	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
295	150	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	30	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
908	620	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
36	....	Sterling No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
185	....	Summit	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	12	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
464	400	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	260	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
245	100	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
150	110	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
262	200	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	240	Wyn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
600	400	Yorkran	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
341	....	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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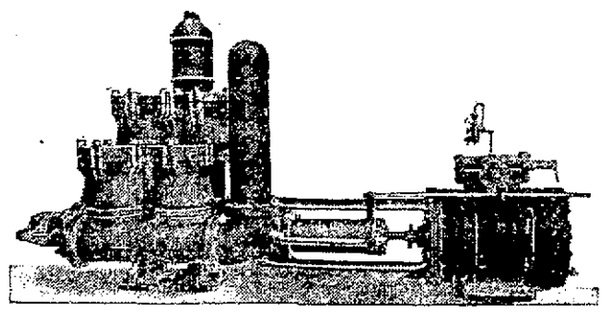

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In the Development of the Coal and Coke Business of Alabama.

BUSY LIFE OF ERSKINE RAMSAY

His Promising Career from Superintendent of the Monastery Coke Plant to Manager of the Biggest Coal and Coke Interest South.

In that great State of Alabama where Nature outdid herself by placing coal on one side of a valley, iron ore on the other side, and then left plenty of available ground for man to locate his ovens and furnaces between these deposits of two great basic minerals, many big men have been called to wrestle with the complex problems which have necessarily accompanied the vast developments that have occurred.

In the coal mining field of this premier Southern State if we judge by ability and broad experience, no individual has carved for himself a better name or a more enviable reputation than Erskine Ramsay, Vice President of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company. Mr. Ramsay was born in 1861 at Six Mile Ferry, a suburb of Pittsburg, Pa. His parents moved to Shafton in 1865, and it was in the public schools of this latter town and Irwin, Pa., that he received his early education.

Young Ramsay's father was a great believer in keeping the boys at work when there was no school, and from the time when Erskine was quite small the elder Ramsay would take the youngster with him when surveying in the mines: as a result of this early training "E. R." acquired a taste for mine work long before he had shed his short trousers.

He was 13 or 14 years old when his father decided he would start the boy in the store business, and as a result of this resolve young Erskine found himself in charge of a mercantile establishment in a store of his own, built on a lot owned by his father. About the time this commercial enterprise was started, a number of the Shafton Coal Company's employes induced the elder Ramsay, who was superintendent to make his store a coöperative affair, and as a consequence, the Shafton Coöperative Society was formed.

The capital stock of the company was divided into $10 shares and was distributed among the workmen. The enterprise was carried on for about two years, and when any of the employes left the company, they usually sold their stock to Mr. Ramsay's father. The outcome was that when the society's affairs were wound up, so that young Erskine might go to school, each $10 share was found to be worth $22.50, and in addition the stockholders from the very beginning had received their supplies at cost, plus 4 per cent., which was to pay freight charges and cover the actual expenses of doing business.

During the last public school days of young Ramsay at Shafton, Pa., he was called every morning at 5 o'clock to work in a machine shop, and only stopped in time to get breakfast before going to school. In this way he earned from $25 to $30 a month. During one of the terms of the Shafton school, he held the job of janitor for his room at $2 per month.

Beginning in September, 1880, and continuing until March, 1881, Mr. Ramsay attended his last public school, at Irwin, Pa. Following this, he clerked in the Carnegie Bros.' office of the Monastery Works, where his father was in charge. After about six months engaged in this clerical work, he was made assistant machinist, and a little later master mechanic for the Monastery Works, having charge of all machinery in and about the mines.

In 1882, Mr. Ramsay entered St. Vincents College, near Beatty Station, Westmoreland County, Pa. He graduated from this institution in June, 1883, at the head of his class, thereby winning the college gold medal. In addition to the regular work, he took a technical course, including surveying, chemistry and physics.

Immediately thereafter, when he was not quite 19 years old, he succeeded his father as superintendent of the Frick company's Monastery mine and coke works, the elder Ramsay having been made superintendent of mines of all the Frick company's operations. In his work as mine superintendent, young Ramsay paid close attention to the details of his job, watching the ovens closely to see that they were charged with every pound of coal they would take. As a result of this close attention, the ovens under his supervision produced one month an average of 4.06 tons per oven drawn. When these figures were gone over at the office at Pittsburg, Mr. Frick said there was some mistake and issued orders that the report be checked up. It was found to be correct, and the next month the ouput was run up to 4.17 tons. Never before had any Frick ovens produced as much as 4 tons of coke, and, as a result, Mr. Frick was highly pleased.

While superintendent of this plant of 208 ovens, Erskine Ramsay did all the necessary surveying and map work for his mine at night, after the day's work was completed. He was the youngest superintendent in the coke region, and probably holds that honor up to the present time.

In the early part of 1885, Mr. Frick suggested to the elder Ramsay, that his son Erskine be placed in charge of the Morewood Coke Co., Ltd. The young man himself was not in favor of the change, as Morewood was one of the largest properties in the coke region, and he was not anxious to take on such further responsibility. However, the order was given, and, on February 4, 1885, he became superintendent of the Morewood company, reporting direct to Mr. Frick, who was president and owned part of the capital stock, the remainder being controlled by some of the Illinois Steel Company people. Later, Emmet A. Upstill resigned as superintendent of the South West Coal Company, with ovens at Tarr and Stonerville, and "E. R." was put in charge of these properties in addition to his position as superintendent of the Morewood company. A little later, the Red Top works, near Tarr, were purchased from S. Dillinger & Sons, and these plants were also included under young Ramsay's charge.

A short time after this the three companies were consolidated under the name of the South West Coal & Coke Company, with Mr. Ramsay in general charge. This consolidation was at that time the third largest company in the region. He was succeeded in the management of the South West Company by his uncle, Morris Ramsay, October, 1886, when "E. R." was promoted to be assistant engineer for the H. C. Frick Coke Company. In his new position he was put in charge, along with other duties, of the construction of the new "Standard" works at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., which, at that time, was the model plant of the country.

In February, 1887, T. T. Hillman, vice president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, wrote J. K. Taggart, manager of the Connellsville Coke & Iron Company (Leisenring interests), Connellsville, Pa., asking him to suggest a man for the position of superintendent and engineer of the Pratt Mines Division, T. C. I. & R. R. Co. Mr. Taggart recommended Erskine Ramsay for the place, and after the latter had spent one week in Alabama looking over the Pratt mines he returned to Pennsylvania, and on giving the matter due consideration, decided to accept the position with the Tennessee people.

When he took charge of the Pratt mines, "E. R." found that many of the methods used in that field were not up to date. For instance, there were no maps of the mines, which resulted in the workings not being driven with systematic regularity. His attention, therefore, was devoted to inaugurating an efficient system of mine development and definite plans for drawing pillars. The general condition of the plants were brought up to the standard by the introduction of many improvements. Shaking screens were introduced, and much of the output was put on the market as lump. The slack was washed and a coke produced far superior to the old article.

The first coal washer was erected at Shaft No. 1, 1892, and was of the regular Robinson type, with a capacity of 400 tons in 10 hours. This washer was an English type, brought to this country by Colonel Shook, vice president of the T. C. I. & R. R. Co., and Captain Chamberlain, of Chattanooga. The second plant at Pratt was built at Slope No. 2, with a capacity of 600 tons in 10 hours. In its erection Mr. Ramsay introduced a number of improvements and additions, on which he took out patents. This improved washer came to be known as the Ramsay-Robinson and proved quite a success. It may be said in this connection that the regular production of a superior grade of basic pig iron was largely due to the successful washing of the Pratt coal.

During the 15 years Mr. Ramsay was with the T. C. I. people he made a great many changes at their various plants. The more important improvements were the split system of ventilation, the introduction of shaking screens, the installation of boiler plants at coke ovens for raising steam from waste heat, and the introduction of inside boilers for furnishing steam to pumps and engines, thereby creating ventilation of the furnace order.

In 1894, when J. H. Paddock, chief engineer of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., was killed in a riot at the Davidson coke works, near Connellsville, Thomas Lynch, the general manager of the Frick company, at the suggestion of Mr. Frick himself, offered "E. R." the position. Notwithstanding this flattering offer, which would have made Mr. Ramsay chief engineer of the greatest corporation of its kind in the world, he decided to remain with the Tennessee company. During this time his father was the general superintendent of mines and consulting engineer of the entire Carnegie-Frick interests.

In November, 1894, President Baxter of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company appointed Erskine Ramsay chief engineer and assistant general manager of all that company's interests. In February, 1896, while attending the annual meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, of which society Mr. Ramsay is a member, he was approached by the Whitney people (Dominion Company) of Cape Breton, which concern offered him the position of manager of their property, to take the place of Captain MacKeen, who had been elected to the Canadian Parliament. The Dominion company made this offer to Mr. Ramsay because he had been suggested to them by H. C. Frick. The first offer made him had a salary of $6,500 attached; this figure was finally raised to $12,500 with a certain stock privilege, which altogether made a very attractive offer. "E. R." finally decided to remain in Birmingham, Mr. Ramsay considers this offer, however, one of the most flattering he ever received.

In 1898 he was offered the management of the coal mines owned by Senator H. G. Davis in West Virginia. In 1901 President Lynch, of the Frick company, again offered him a position with that company. Both these flattering propositions were declined on account of the long length of time "E. R." had spent in the Alabama field, and because his investments and other interests were almost entirely located in that district.

Erskine Ramsay is interested in many different business enterprises in the Birmingham district, and no one in this Southern field has a better rating, or a broader acquaintance among business men of the South. With his name attached to a business proposition, success is practically assured.

In addition, he has erected and is the owner of a great many tenements and business houses in Birmingham, Pratt City, Wylam and outlying districts. With the co-operation of G. B. McCormack, in 1899, he organized the Bank of Ensley, which under his direction has become one of the strongest financial institutions of Alabama.

In 1901, after 15 years continuous service with the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company, Mr. Ramsay severed his connection with the latter concern and became the Vice President and chief engineer of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Co., which position he still retains. The Pratt company operates about 20 mines and has an annual production of 2,500,000 tons. One of the most notable things about the Pratt company is the bonus system, whereby all employes receive yearly 1 per cent. on their total gross earnings for each year they have worked for the company, until it reaches 10 per cent., which is the maximum. The wages paid, in addition to the bonus, are the same as the highest wages paid in the district.

Mr. Ramsay has been honored many times by his own Commonwealth, in having served on various mining commissions, and different committees appointed for the purpose of revising mine laws. He was one of the party of engineers appointed by the Bureau of Mines to investigate and report on coal-mining conditions in European collieries.

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40	28	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
200	200	Alicia	W. Harry Brown	South Brownsville
107	96	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
40	40	Anica	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	65	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
20	.....	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	83	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	440	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
60	56	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
428	400	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	34	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
266	266	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
24	24	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	300	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
156	100	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	160	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
142	140	Cyrilla	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	180	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
162	162	Donald No. 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
240	240	Donald No. 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	160	Donald No. 3	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Dunn	The Baker Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
600	400	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
132	80	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	32	Emery	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	160	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
32	32	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
400	300	Footdale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Scottdale
220	220	Francis No. 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	60	Francis No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
80	80	Fracta	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
110	106	Garwood	Ætna-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
58	.....	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	200	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Beaumr Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
52	.....	Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
74	74	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
88	88	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Hostead	Hostead-Semans Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	.....	Isabella	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co.	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
422	340	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	356	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	45	Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
64	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
244	244	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
202	100	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
100	100	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Murphy	Eckard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
30	.....	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Jeannette
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373	373	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30	30	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	378	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
290	290	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	400	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	265	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
305	305	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
304	304	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	160	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
600	600	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
76	76	Wineland	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
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Elmer C. McClelland of Connellsville, appointed assistant trainmaster of the Connellsville division with offices in Cumberland and assigned to look after the operation of trains over the Western Maryland railroad from Keystone Junction to Cumberland, following the cavein of old Sand Patch tunnel, has been transferred to the Connellsville offices. All Baltimore & Ohio trains now are operated through old Sand Patch tunnel. The operation of trains over Western Maryland tracks was discontinued this week.

The position of assistant train master was created August 1, following the cavein, and McClelland, the first appointee was promoted from yardmaster. The office was created owing to the extra duties caused by the cavein. It was announced at local offices yesterday, the position would be made permanent.

COAL LAND SOLD ON MORTGAGE

Federal Court Orders Sale of Property of Cumberland Basin Company.

Pursuant to an order of the United States District Court for Maryland, in the case of the Baltimore Security Company against the Cumberland Basin Coal Company, the Continental Trust Company, as trustee under the mortgage securing issue of bonds of the two companies, yesterday at Barrellsville, Md., sold at public auction the entire property to the chairman of the bondholders committee for the sum of $200,000.

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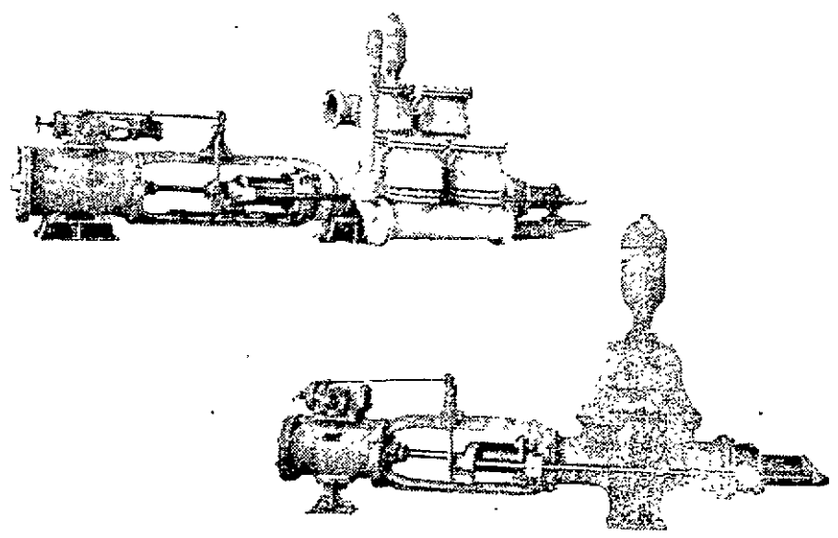

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THURSDAY MORNING SEP 12, '12.

FALSE IN ONE THING FALSE IN ALL

Theodore Roosevelt publicly announced November 5 1904, and subsequently in substance reiterated

On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years and this three and a half years constitute my first term The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form and UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL I BE A CANDIDATE FOR OR ACCEPT ANOTHER NOMINATION

A PROSPECTIVE NEW INDUSTRY

The Chamber of Commerce has gotten down to real business and is trying to locate a nine mill or ten mill tin plant which will employ upwards of 1 000 hands and add substantially to the population and prosperity of Connellsville In this work they should have the hearty support of the substantial interests of the town to whatever extent within the confines of reason that may be necessary

This industry will not walk into Connellsville much less butt in it will have to be persuaded and perhaps urged The fact that Morgantown capitalists are interested in the company is perhaps something of a handicap but not a serious one since the stockholders of the company will be governed in the location of their new plant by business rather than sentimental reasons

Morgantown has the advantage of being close to the West Virginia natural gas fields with the possibility of offering cheaper gas than be offered in Connellsville but any advantage of this sort is more than offset by the superior railroad facilities of Connellsville The natural gas supply is uncertain the railroads are permanent Eliminating natural gas coal is the fuel used Connellsville's coal supply is quite as cheap and abundant as that of Morgantown All things considered the natural advantages of Connellsville are quite as good as those of Morgantown or any other town in Western Pennsylvania or West Virginia

It may be asked in this connection why the Humbert tin plate mill is not being operated The answer lies largely in the inner consciousness of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company but it is known that of the mills in this managerial district that at Morgantown enjoys the substantial advantage of a low priced long term natural gas contract and that the two Scottdale mills are the home plants of the manager The fourth mill that at Connellsville has consequently become the emergency mill running only when demand is at high tide

It will also be remembered that it seems to have become the policy of the Tin Plate Trust as it has been called to permit the establishment of enough independent mills to relieve them from the suspicion of being a monopoly In line with this policy they have offered to sell the Humbert mill This offer has been considered by the Pittsburg concern seeking a site for a new mill and is reported to have been rejected or the ground that the mill is too small

The Humbert mill is a 6 mill plant but the company long ago bought sufficient adjacent ground to enlarge it to a 10 mill plan Its changed policy changed this plan but we see no reason why the Independent company should not proceed with it and provide themselves possibly at a bargain with the plant they seek

The tin plate business is profitable and pays good wages to its workmen A 10-mill plant is worth struggling for

THE RAINS AND TILL ROADS

The summer of 1912 will go down in history as a summer of unusual weather The rainfall has been excessive and it has been accompanied by storms and floods These conditions have wrought more havoc and caused more loss than previous seasons of long continued drouth The Yough has been a real river all summer and nobody has been encouraged to perpetrate the old joke about picking it Death injury and destruction have ridden the storm with such malign monotony that Western Pennsylvania prays earnestly to be relieved from weather conditions that have become wearing to the nerves and wearying to the management of public utilities especially transportation lines public lighting trolley and telephone service

The public utilities have been able to recover with comparative promptitude from their disasters however serious they have been but the damage to the public roads has been so widespread and general that no attempt has been made to repair much of it save that which actually blocked the passage of travel The country roads have been washed out of all semblance Road reform in Fayette county has retrograded The improvements of years have in many places been obliterated We are back to original and undesirable conditions

Under the circumstances there is only one thing to do and that is to meet the situation in a prompt and businesslike manner by levying liberal taxes and issuing bonds where necessary for the purpose not of repairing the damage by the oldtime patchwork system but of rebuilding in a substantial and workmanlike manner the roads that have been mangled beyond recognition Springfield township, with its miles of mountain roads peculiarly subject to wash by rains has led the way by levying an additional ten mills road taxes There is reason to hope that the storm period will soon pass and that we may have some good fall weather If so this time should be actively employed in restoring the roads

The road problem is one which has long vexed the traveling public It has been said that Fayette county has the worst roads in Pennsylvania They are probably not so bad as that but they are bad enough and they are bad chiefly because the money provided for their up keep has never been intelligently expended The old methods of making and repairing roads have long since ceased to meet modern conditions They ill met the demands of the Conestoga wagon and the logging team The requirements of travel and transportion have changed much in fifty years Instead of the wilderness trails modern highways are necessary Where new roads have to be rebuilt they should be constructed after approved methods They should be built to stay not built merely for the purpose of being repaired the next summer by thrifty citizens who work out their road taxes Above all roads should be well drained Lack of proper drainage has done more to deteriorate our public roads than any other contributing cause

Faulty road construction might be avoided by a law providing for such county or other central road supervision that would compel all roads to be built substantially and scientifically The County Engineer or some like official should be vested with powers similar to those of the State Health Department with relation to the construction of sewer systems and sewage disposal plants

The Good Roads problem has not yet been solved but out of the wreck and destruction of storm and flood may come some very satisfactory advances in the art and science of construction and the character and extent of highway improvement

B & O MERGER

The Baltimore & Ohio railway managers have decided to merge into the Pittsburg & Connellsville railroad all of its tributaries doubtless for the purpose of eliminating the expenses of administration and obviating the complications and possibly the complications of so many loose lines dangling from one parent stem

In these brave days of corporate regulation however the representatives of the government look with stern suspicion upon all forms of consolidation The present policy is not to build up but to tear down The necessity of great combinations of capital for great undertakings is lost sight of the public economy of manufactures direct from the raw materials is forgotten overlooked entirely is the fact that large corporations may be compelled to be fair with the consumer and the public by other and more reasonable means than their dissolution or complete annihilation Big Business has made us a Big Country In the consideration of present politics let us not commit industrial suicide or embrace any policy that will halt Progress and our Prosperity

It is probable that the proposed Baltimore & Ohio merger in this section will discover no opposition from any source It is natural and proper amalgamation and it is only a formal confirmation of what has already been done It has no relation to politics but it furnishes a text for the times

A GOVERNOR OFF THE JOB

The Kanawha miners are marching upon Charleston to lay their grievances before Governor Glasscock The Governor should not have waited for this large and uncertain delegation to march like Coxey's Army to the steps of the Capitol but should have long ago inquired into the differences between the operators and the miners that have led to the necessity of proclaiming martial law in a portion of the State

Governor Glasscock is one of the Princes of the Progressive Party but he has been more Bull Moose than Progressive He has been more interested in politics than he has been in his official duties he has been a greater friend of T. Roosevelt than of his own people

We are not fully informed as to the merits of the Paint Creek controversy which has grown to such bloody dimensions and do not presume at this time to pass upon them but the Governor of West Virginia ought to have been fully advised at all times and he would have been better employed in exercising all of his personal and official influences in trying to settle the strike than in occupying his waking and disturbing his sleeping moments with plots against the party which has done him honor

CARS CROPS AND POLITICS

A car shortage of serious proportions threatens this country this fall Warnings have been sent out but despite the energetic efforts of the railroads and the earnest co"peration of shippers transportation facilities promise to be inadequate for a time at least

Two causes contribute to this condition and while the condition is unpleasant to contemplate the causes are not In spite of a Presidential year and an unusual disturbance in political circles caused by the bawling and butting of the Bull Moose there has been a very gratifying business expansion and in spite of unprecedented rains and unusual weather conditions bumper crops are promised

If the congestion of traffic is not too serious and if the statesmen entrusted with the administration of the government have sufficient intelligence to perceive the policies best calculated to promote the welfare of the nation and enough patriotism to adopt those policies there is no reason why present prosperity should not continue no matter what the result of the elections may be

In the meantime however prudence will dictate that every effort be put forth to ease the coming car shortage and lessen its detrimental effect upon business and to minimize the political dangers by lending vote and influence to the continuance of those industrial policies under which our boom has come and under which we long have prospered.

MAINE AND VERMONT

Those New England States, which have hitherto been regarded as prophetic if not pivotal in their fall elections just prior to the Presidential election, have signally failed as political signboards this fall As we have hitherto remarked this is an unusual year in weather and in politics and all signs are uncertain and misleading

Vermont's election proved nothing and Maine's little more but both established one indisputable fact namely,

That as heretofore the Republicans are in a majority in the country, and the Democrats are still in the minority that it lies in the power of the Republicans to elect their own President and Congress retain control of the government continue present prosperity for all the people and do any housecleaning that may be necessary without burning down their happy home and fleeing naked and despairing to the woods of defeat that the only hope of the Democrats lies in Republican dissensions and liberal support of the traitorous Third Term candidate by his deluded Third Party followers

It is time sensible Republicans were asking themselves the question shall the prosperity of the nation and the happiness of the people be subordinated to the personal ambitions of one bellicose Bull Moose?

Shall the Republican party be torn with passion and the American people suffer from business unrest at the impudent behest of the man who lifted his hands to heaven and in the presence of all the people promised to hell sacred the Unwritten Law against a Third Term but who has since trampled that pledge contemptuously under foot and laid violent and sacrilegious hands upon the Ark of the American Covenant?

BAD FAITH OF THE BULL MOOSE

It looks very much as if the Bull Moose nomination for Congress in this district was for sale to the highest bidder The consideration is not understood to be cash but it is suspected of being political promises to local bosses and the suspicion is so strong as to warrant its assumption as a political fact.

In view of this condition it is interesting to note that the choice of the Bull Moose bosses is likely to be contested by Jesse Hook Wise an unthusiastic convert from the Democratic ranks Jesse protests that he is not a prosecutor He would not so lower himself He would point out his own sublimation He calls attention to the fact that the Progressive party is merely an liberation of the doctrines enunciated in his Lure Lectures and the American Idea platform upon which he ran for Congress on the Democratic and Keystone tickets two years ago If he consents to run on these tickets this fall he is willing to run on one and make it a progressed trial

On the other hand that great and good leader of the Bull Moose party in Pennsylvania trust friend and counselor of Precocious Maximus Duff Mason Dilly who left the earth declared that the Bull Moose Republican section the success of Republican principles requires nothing against a Progressive candidate for Congress in this district This is in line with frequent declarations on his part to the effect that the Progressive fight was for principle of the ticket at all that no attempt would be made to antagonize the Duff Republican tickets

Field Marshal Dilly is not interested in the Republican State ticket He has reason to be Ours is the ticket If we are to have Bull Moose candidates for Congress and the Legislature and consequent antagonisms to the regularly nominated Republican candidates the friends of those candidates cannot be expected to be wildly enthusiastic for the Dunn State ticket

Republicans generally are standing upright for the Republican ticket regularly nominated at Harrisburg and elsewhere and the Progressives should keep their pledges by removing all Bull Moose electors from the Republican ticket and refraining from trying to split the Republican vote on other candidates especially when the logical result cannot be profitable to any but the Democratic party

THE LIGONIER VERDICT

The verdict of the Coroner's jury in the Ligonier wreck case leaves no doubt as to the opinion of the jurors concerning the responsibility

The verdict finds that the wreck occurred through the negligence of the said Ligonier Valley Railroad Company in operating their trains with written orders without certainty of verbal orders without signal code without general rules in force to operating trains without proper signals and railroad instruction to employees without proper appliances especially for a signal system and without any general recognized up to date method of operation

While this verdict is not conclusive as fixing any damages that may be recovered from the living victims of the wreck or the relatives of those dead it is an official expression which will have weight in the courts as well as in the community It looks like a good time to settle

If this verdict of the jury is just it is also high time for the railroad company to inaugurate some sweeping reforms in its operating department

One of the new rules of the Ligonier Valley railroad should be Safety first

CONNELLSVILLE

Poor old Connellsville It is now a drop a nickle in the slot town says our dearest enemy the Uniontown Morning Herald

Connellsville may be all that but we notice that there is a great deal of Uniontown capital being invested here in our real estate and our industries Uniontown capitalists have a reputation for knowing good things when they see them They are not mistaken about Connellsville Connellsville has always been the industrial center of Fayette county It always will be because its natural advantages are permanent and its people are progressive it is ahead of Uniontown in the commercial race and always will be because its people take care of themselves and do not depend upon a court house or a coke works to sustain them

Old Connellsville to be sure but poor only relatively Not a nickle in the slot town but the First City of Fayette County at once the pride of the county and the envy of the county seat.

Abe Martin

Lafe Bud says if he wuz only single again he'd git tourin car

Some fellers vote intelligently an others wear campaign buttons

There's lots o delightful sensations but up to date they haint nothin that on'y findin a paper dollar in a ole vest

Art Moon says he's never been able t find as good a job as he had before he went thro college

The feller that leads all week in allis pocketbook around home on Sunday

If Roney Bill talk could never know some to ks wuz a round

Miss Pawnee apple wuz severely burned by cart he acid that while trying t remove th gloss from her nose with what she supposed wuz a varnish killer

Miss Dawn Lippincott says it's all fun t invite a feller that's fifty five years ole t somethin just t see who he brings

A thin party makes strong beefed lowes

Tipton Bud says nothin makes him mad as t have his wife call him respectable while he's cookin her

Miss Dawn Lippincott is leavin town an take a runnel feet Time seems t have some folks on a free list

SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE SPECIAL

The South Connellsville Socialists are in the saddle It is said that the party has again been hemmed into the hands of Corporate Power and the Recall is being pulled up for the purpose of giving the hook to the recalcitrants

The two Socialist members of the Town Council who voted to pass the Bell telephone ordinance over the veto of the Socialist Burgess who is also the Secretary of the Socialist organization have consented to appear before the Socialist Committee to answer the charge of having violated Socialist principles Judge Lee who is personally a non official member of that committee and without influence therein announces that if the accused are found guilty they will have resigned forthwith in accordance with the party publication but the last published authoritative effusion of the organization of which Comrade Debs is the editor declares that the Socialist Party is not bound by political committee The spirit of the doctrine is thus grossly violated and if the consciences of the Town Councilmen who voted for the Bell ordinance compel them of wrongdoing and their judgment approves the wisdom of their official action they are under no moral obligation to resign and their re election contingent resignations are not worth the paper they are written on This fact was demonstrated in New Castle during the past week The Recall was never intended to be used by the Bosses but only by the Recall by the People

It has been suggested in the semi Socialistic organ of Connellsville that the passage of the Bell ordinance gives the company an exclusive franchise in South Connellsville We do not so understand it It gives the Bell company the right to erect certain poles on certain streets but it does not estop the borough from granting similar rights to other telephone companies The Town Council didn't give the borough away when it permitted the Bell company to extend its service in South Connellsville It must be remembered that the Bell Company was already in the borough with a prior right of way over certain highways formerly controlled by the township authorities Those rights were not destroyed or in any way impaired when South Connellsville took on borough government

The Socialist party of South Connellsville may impeach its two town Councilmen who have committed the crime of having opinions of their own but unless it can be shown that they have been found guilty of violating something else besides the principles of the Socialist party they will be under no obligations to their constituents to resign their offices

AN ELECTRIC CENTER

Connellsville has become an electrical switching center

It is announced that when the West Penn completes the expansion of its high tension power and sign transmission system it will supply light and power to 130 cities and boroughs in Western Pennsylvania over a total of 280 miles of wire

The power will come from the Connellsville central station which will be still further enlarged and improved The Cheat river hydro electric plant will add to the company's supply of electrical energy and enlarge its field of operations Its service will then be extended into West Virginia and in exchange for West Virginia's natural gas upon which some of her statesmen once advocated an import duty we will have her Pennsylvania made electricity on an exchange basis

The West Penn company goes in on the electrical business on a wholesale plant and aims to provide power and light at wholesale rates Connellsville loses nothing by being a center of electrical production Electric power is fast supplanting every other form of mechanical energy and the closer to the source of supply the more certain the guarantee of uninterrupted power

The West Penn power plant is therefore another argument in favor of Connellsville as a manufacturing site

INSIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS

The State elections and primaries in Vermont, California and Ohio are insignificant as political indicators

Vermont was indecisive The election of Governor failed no candidate having a majority of the votes and the election is thrown in the Legislature which will elect the Republican candidate The Republican vote fell off 20 per cent the Democratic vote showed a similar gain and the Progressives came in third If the country goes as the Green Mountain State went the result will be eminently satisfactory but as indicated above the result in Vermont is not always the result in the nation and the weather political and otherwise is freakish this year

The California primaries indicate that the Bull Moose prance is properly on Hi Johnson's political heath and that Roosevelt electors will be permitted to occupy the Republican place on the ballot This presents another curious phase of the Roosevelt candidacy The strenuous advocate of the Square Deal for himself has a said habit of forgetting about the rule when it is applied in other cases After having made a spectacular farewell to the Republican party this modest Catiline is trying to borrow its garb in an effort to steal back into place and power again

In Pennsylvania his electors refuse to vacate the Republican ticket undoubtedly with his consent if not under his instructions and in California we find him employing a faithful lieutenant to capture the Republican name which he has published and thrown out for the purpose of forcing Republicans to vote for him by printing the name of voting for the nominee of the Republican National Convention

Here ought to be some way to prevent such bold piracy Frauds practiced under cover of the letter of the law in their efforts to improve the condition of some States have made a sad mess of the undertaking California seems to be one of them The Western voter has shed some of his wool but it is to will about some things

The Ohio primaries was non partisan and was supported at the time when politics is said should not intrude themselves in the strictly local issues considered The Progressive State Executive Committee for the Direct Primaries Good Roads Home Rule Initiative and Referendum and Equal Woman Suffrage The vote was very light as is customary in such elections and a majority of the voters unless we are mistaken cast their ballots against the proposition to give women the right to vote

In spite of the small vote one of the most important arguments was made in favor of the Direct Primaries system The Democratic majority in Cuyahoga county was reduced from 14 000 to 4 000 and the Democratic majority in Hamilton county was reduced from 5 000 to 1 000 Both counties are still Democratic strongholds and the reduction in the Democratic majorities was due to the fact that the Republicans were compelled to nominate their candidates by direct primaries and the Democrats were not

POLES AND CONDUITS

[illegible] the Bell Telephone Company [illegible] the Borough of Connellsville [illegible] Town Council [illegible] Burgess

The Burgess has consented to the ordinance granting public utility franchises of any kind over his veto by a majority vote of Council but the people have the last word and they will never in the Referendum election sustain the principles of the Socialist party which has published and thrown out for the purpose of forcing Republicans to vote for him by printing the name of the Republican National Convention

There ought to be some way to prevent such bold piracy Frauds practiced under cover of the letter of the law in their efforts to improve the condition of some States have made a sad mess of the undertaking California seems to be one of them The Western voter has shed some of his wool but it is to will about some things

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In spite of the small vote one of the most important arguments was made in favor of the Direct Primaries system The Democratic majority in Cuyahoga county was reduced from 14 000 to 4 000 and the Democratic majority in Hamilton county was reduced from 5 000 to 1 000 Both counties are still Democratic strongholds and the reduction in the Democratic majorities was due to the fact that the Republicans were compelled to nominate their candidates by direct primaries and the Democrats were not

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SCHOOL BOARD TO SUE THE GAS COMPANY FOR FAILING FREE FUEL

Alleges Provisions of Franchise are Violated by the Fayette Company.

LATTER MAKES FORMAL DENIAL

Corporation Asserts Grant Does Not Apply to Buildings Erected After Contract Became Effective—Miss McGary's Position Declared Vacant

Suit likely will be entered soon by the Connellsville School Board against the Fayette County Gas Company in an effort to compel the latter to furnish free fuel to school buildings according to alleged provisions of the franchise. It is said the company contends the provision does not apply to buildings erected since the franchise was granted.

The matter was before the School Board Monday and Attorneys Sterling Higbee & Mathews were retained to assist H. George May, attorney for the board to proceed against the gas company. A similar case is in the State Supreme Court brought by the Bellevue Allegheny County School Board. Suit by the local board it is said had been delayed pending a decision in that case.

Honorable mention will be awarded the 15 graduates of the High School 10 from the academic and five from the commercial departments, making the highest grades during the 4 year term or its equivalent. The student in the academic department making the highest grade will be selected as valedictorian and the next highest student will be the essayist at the annual commencement exercises. The commercial department student obtaining the highest grade will be salutatorian. Provisions were made by the board whereby students from other schools entering the Connellsville High School for the senior year will not be given an advantage in grading over local students.

Honorable mention to the 15 students was made at the request of Superintendent Stanley P. Ashe and Principal B. E. Smith of the High School, both of whom termed it unfair that only two students the valedictorian and the salutatorian should be thus recognized. At the request of Superintendent Ashe the board ordered that beginners would be accepted only during the first 10 days following the opening of the term in September and the 10 days following the opening of the second semester in January. Heretofore there has been much confusion because of beginners entering school three to four weeks after the term opens.

Lengthy discussion over wages of janitors followed the request of Janitor Henley of the Second ward that he receive the same remuneration as the janitor of the Third ward. Henley declared he and the Third ward janitor always had received the same wages and that an increase of $5 to the Third ward man was unfair. Vice President Shaw, who then presided owing to the late arrival of President Younkin, urged an increase in wages of the janitor of the High School building. "We've to show the public we're a close fisted corporation somewhere," said Secretary Hays. Paisley argued that the wages had been fixed at the opening of the term, had been accepted by the various employes and should not be changed. Secretary Hays said the cost of conducting the schools in Connellsville last year was $81,000 but that it would be $95,000 this year. Upon motion of Director Davidson, the salary question was tabled.

President Younkin and Superintendent Ashe displayed telegrams from Miss Lucretia McGary, teacher South Side school, who had been informed her resignation was not accepted that she had reconsidered her decision and would report September 16. The board then declared her position vacant.

President Younkin proposed to elect her substitute teacher. Two applicants, Miss Ethel Buckingham and Miss Katherine O'Conner were considered for election as substitute teacher. Miss Buckingham was elected at a salary of $50 a month. Directors Smith, Hays, Davidson and Bishop vote for her. Directors Younkin and Shaw voted for Miss McGary and Director Bassett voted for Miss O'Conner.

F. P. Cheesman formally was elected teacher of higher mathematics in the High School to fill the vacancy caused by the non appearance of A. E. Sabe at the opening of the term. Sable will be notified that the position has been filled.

A petition of property owners requesting the paving of Race street, South Side, was presented to the board with the request that the latter sign the petition which is to be presented to Council next Tuesday night. Solicitor May thought there may be provision whereby the School Board is exempt from paying any part of the cost of the paving and asked time to look up the matter. If none exemption is provided the President and Secretary will be ordered to sign the petition for the board. Council is expected to authorize the paving of the street next Tuesday. The entire cost of the paving will devolve upon property owners and devolve upon property owners and the West Penn which has a line on that street.

Solicitor May said no report could be made until next meeting regarding the Greenwood school property deed. A meeting of former owners of the property, Rockwell, Marietta, Harry Schenk, John Duggan, Sr. and I. F. Ruth is to be held prior to the next meeting of the School Board at which time effort will be made to remove a clause providing the property should revert to former owners if used for other than school purposes. The present deed which contains this condition does not the board claimed gave the school officials clear title to the property.

Only one bid was received for the walk in front of the South Side school building on Race street and it was ordered held until other bids are received. The contract, following receipt of other bids, likely will be awarded at a special meeting of the board.

The reports of Secretary Hayes and Treasurer Paisley were received and accepted. The treasurer's report shows a balance of $3,089.11 in the sinking fund, an overdrawn account of $5,705.94 in the general fund and a balance of $3,013.17 in the bank.

Tuition for outside pupils attending local schools was fixed at $4.50.

Members of the board at the meeting last night were Directors Shaw, Bishop, Davidson, Paisley, Hays and Smith. President Younkin arrived late.

JURY IN MURDER CASE ORDERED TO FIND "NOT GUILTY" VERDICT

Judge Van Swearingen Defines Circumstantial Evidence in Takarelli Trial

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen at Uniontown yesterday instructed the jury in the case against Patrick Takarelli charged with the murder of Arthur Nervi at Point Marion to return a verdict of not guilty on the ground that insufficient and circumstantial evidence had been presented.

In directing the jury to return the verdict of acquittal Judge Van Swearingen said:

Gentlemen of the Jury: There is no direct testimony against the defendant in this case. All the evidence is what is known to the law as circumstantial evidence. In order to warrant a conviction upon circumstantial evidence the proof must be absolutely incompatible with the innocence of the accused upon any rational theory and incapable of explanation upon any other reasonable hypothesis than that of guilt. Such fact necessary to establish a conclusion of guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. The facts must be consistent with each other and the circumstances taken together must be of a conclusive nature leading to a satisfactory result and establishing the guilt of the defendant to a moral certainty. The proof in this case does not come up to that standard. The theory of suicide is as plausible in this case as the theory of murder. For that reason under the law and this evidence we could not sustain a verdict of guilty if such a verdict should be rendered by you. We think the District Attorney and County Detective have done the right thing in making a thorough investigation of the case and in presenting the matter fully in open court. But we instruct you that under all the evidence and the law applicable thereto it is your duty to return a verdict that the defendant is not guilty.

Samuel Smithley charged with desertion and non support was convicted today. Alice Smithley of South Connellsville the prosecutrix alleged her husband deserted her after 10 months of married life.

Joseph Rich Bartolome and Pasquale Polumbo charged with pointing fire arms and assault and battery were placed on trial today. It is claimed they attacked Mrs. Petrone at her home at Lemont last month. Antonio Petrone is prosecutor.

Arthur Jones in whose case a sealed verdict was returned last night was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and recommended to the mercy of the court. Mary Shavel charged with assault and battery was acquitted. A sealed verdict being returned by the jury last night.

30 HURT, SEVERAL PERHAPS FATALLY, IN WRECK AT ERIE

Nickel Plate Passenger Train Bearing President of Road, Leaves Track

ERIE, Sept. 11.—Thirty persons were injured, several fatally it is believed in the worst wreck of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad commonly called the Nickel Plate, since the Silver Creek (N. Y.) horror of 1883 when scores of excursionists were precipitated to death through the bridge that spanned the stream.

That no one was killed in yesterday's wreck is considered miraculous. The wrecked train is the Chicago to New York passenger train eastbound known as No. 6 due here at 1:01 p. m. The train left this city 35 minutes late and was running at a 40 mile clip when spreading rails at the grade crossing of the Fagin road one mile east of the city limits caused the tender to leave the tracks.

A heavy plank forming the road crossing at one side was torn up by the tender and one end of it caught the rear truck of the mail coach, wedged in under the truck the heavy plank literally tore the roadbed to pieces. The mail coach, the smoker, diner, chair coach and two day coaches all filled with travelers were thrown off the tracks. The smoker, diner and chair car rolled down the 15 foot embankment and the other cars turned up on their sides at the top of the embankment.

The last coach on the train was the private Pullman car of President W. H. Canniff of the Nickel Plate Road. With him were Superintendent W. J. Watterson of this division, whose headquarters are in Buffalo and President Dunstin of the Fort Smith and Western Railway. They were thrown from their seats and slightly injured.

SOMERSET COURT AGAIN URGES ARRESTS FOR NEGLECTED ROADS

Judge Puppel, Opening the Criminal Term, Tells Constables of Their Duties

SOMERSET, Sept. 10.—The regular September term of Criminal Court convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge William H. Puppel presiding, Benjamin I. Bowman of Berlin was Judge Puppel again addressed the Constables in regard to maintaining good roads. The court said the supervisors were not to be paid this season unless the roads under the circumstances should not be held on a criminal charge. It is the court's purpose to get good roads he said and not to cause neglect suits. Constables were cautioned not to proceed hastily.

The first case called for trial was that of C. C. and Lizzie Schrader of Greenville township charged with malicious mischief by W. H. Baer and Samuel Albright. It is alleged that on March 9 last the defendants cut down poles, broke and twisted wires, destroyed lightning arresters, cross arms, braces and insulators of the Farmers Telephone Company.

JESSE HOOK WISE IS A PROGRESSIVE WITH AN AMBITION

He is Willing to be the Bull Moose Candidate for Congress, but

BERKLEY HAS PETITION OUT

In Somerset County as the Representative of the Scull Interests and Chairman Flinn Advises Against Opposition to Crago.

It is probable that the Progressive party will nominate a candidate for Congress in this district but the matter is still undecided in spite of the fact that Harvey M. Berkley of Somerset is quietly circulating petitions for the nomination for his nomination papers. It is understood that Field Marshal Flinn has advised against a candidate but the Scull faction seeks recognition and is back of the Berkley movement. It will be remembered that Berkley is the man who was elected as a Roosevelt delegate to the Chicago convention.

The irrepressible Jesse Hook Wise who was the Democratic candidate for Congress against Colonel Crago two years ago circulated among the Bull Moose bosses of Fayette and Somerset counties last week giving the glad hand and imparting the joyful tidings of his conversion from the ancient Democratic faith to the new Progressive doctrines and confiding the incidental information that he is willing to make the race for Congress on the Bull Moose ticket. He is understood to have advanced some substantial arguments why he is the logical candidate.

The election laws require a petition for nomination by nomination papers to be signed by 2% of the largest entire vote cast for any officer elected at the last preceding election in the electoral district or division for which the nomination papers are designed to be made. In this case it would be the vote cast for Colonel Crago in 1910 which was 13,665. Two per cent of this is 273, so that the petition would require that many names. It must be filed not later than October 1. Concerning the party name and its preemption the Supreme Court in the Wakefield case said:

Where five electors of the Congressional district file with the Prothonotary of their county, as required by the act of July 9, 1897, an affidavit setting forth that they had adopted the name of a certain party to designate their policy in the election of a Congressman from that district, and following this preemption the nomination paper properly signed by a sufficient number of electors resident accompanied by a certificate from the Prothonotary setting forth compliance with the act and the preemption is first in point of time so far as the district nomination is concerned, and there is a strict compliance with the Act of 1897 in the preparation, signing and filing of the nomination papers a prima facie case in favor of the validity of the nomination papers is made out and the paper is not rendered invalid by reason of its not having the approval of the political body represented by five electors who at a prior date had preempted the name of such party to designate their policy in the nomination of candidates for State offices.

The nomination of a candidate for Congress who first secures the preemption of a party name and files nomination papers in compliance with the law will be declared regular where no question of fraud misrepresentation or bad faith is raised on the record.

WITNESSES TELL OF BULLETS IN MURDERED MAN'S HEAD

Cupp and Baxter Suits Involving Local Restaurant Arouse Interest

UNIONTOWN, Sept. 10.—County Detective John J. Smith on the witness stand today in the trial of Patrick Takarelli charged with the murder of Arthur Nervi at Point Marion exhibited the bullets which caused Nervi's death and explained how they were removed from Nervi's head.

Dr. L. N. Burchinal, a physician of Point Marion called after the shots had been fired to attend Nervi. Told of the character of the wound and the position in which he found the body, Nervi was shot about 9:30 in the evening and lived until 12 in the next morning.

Ralph Capello, cousin of the defendant told of seeing Nervi purchase pictures prior to the shooting.

A compromise was reached today in the suits of H. P. Cupp against Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Baxter all of Connellsville. In the case of Mrs. Bella H. Baxter against Cupp charging malicious mischief each side paid its own costs. In the case of Cupp against Baxter and his wife charging forcible entry the costs were divided.

The cases which attracted considerable attention resulted from the operation of a restaurant in Water street, Connellsville, by the Baxters. It was alleged Baxters had leased the restaurant and fixtures to H. J. Cupp and a partner who afterwards sold to Cupp. It was alleged by the Baxters that Cupp failed to make payments. Cupp alleging he had a lease from Mrs. Fehr, owner of the building and because he paid the rent to her was not responsible to the Baxters.

John Williams charged with larceny of money from the cash drawer in Sipe's New Somerset store at Acme Junction was acquitted this morning. Newcomer was prosecutor.

For New Telephone at Monessen

A new independent telephone company is being formed by citizens of Monessen who already have held a mass meeting at which plans were formulated. Stock is to be sold and another mass meeting will be held this week.

CORN AND OTHER CROPS BREAK RECORD, SAYS U. S. REPORT

Board of Department of Agriculture Forecasts Largest Harvest in Years

Bumper crops of corn, white potatoes, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye and buckwheat were forecast today by the crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture in its September report.

Corn probably will reach 2,909,000,000 bushels, exceeding the record crop of 1906 by about 68,000,000 bushels, the crop of last year by 486,000,000 bushels and the crop of 1910 by 109,000,000 bushels.

The potato crop this year it is estimated will be 399,000,000 bushels, overstepping the banner crop of 1909 by about 9,000,000 bushels, the short crop of last year by about 10,000,000 bushels and the crop of 1910 by about 49,000,000 bushels.

Spring wheat crop probably will be 300,000,000 bushels or 8,000,000 bushels over the record of 1908, 109,000,000 bushels over last year's crop and 99,000,000 bushels over the 1910 crop.

The harvest of oats according to the report will be 1,090,000,000 bushels, exceeding the record crop of 1910 by 104,000,000 bushels and last year's crop by 268,000,000 bushels.

The crop of rye will be it is believed about 30,000 bushels greater than the record crop of 1910, buckwheat about 400,000 bushels higher than the record crop of 1911 and flax will almost reach the record crop of 1902.

Secretary MacVeagh has under consideration suggestions that the Treasury Department distribute some of its surplus funds among the national banks to be available for the movement of crops the next few weeks. The working balance in the Treasury is almost $90,000,000. Half of this amount it is said could be deposited in the National banks if necessary.

STATE TUBERCULAR DISPENSARY URGES LOCAL CO-OPERATION

Physician and Nurse Stationed Here Ask Concerted Aid of Connellsville.

LATTER CITES NEEDY CASES

Twenty-five Patients Living in and Near City Under Care of Branch Office, Which Fears Approach of Winter, Marked by Lack of Food.

An appeal for more co-operation from Connellsville people in the work of the local tuberculosis dispensary supported by the State and hearty commendation of the city of the ministerial alliance in appointing a committee to look after the charitable phase of the tubercular work here were voiced today by both the physician in charge and the nurse employed by the State to attend the tubercular patients.

I would be delighted if the people of Connellsville could arrange a special day to contribute food and other necessities for the destitute families," said the nurse in charge who asked that her name not be used. "If we could get the people in Connellsville interested I would be greatly pleased" added the nurse as she mentioned five destitute cases now being looked after by the State. While the State furnishes milk and other medicine it does not provide for clothing or transportation to the State sanitariums.

The nurse in telling of cases of destitution explained how difficult it is to secure the necessities of life where parents are unable to supply food for dependent children. Many of the social service work falls to the lot of the nurse and physician in charge and co-operation should be offered on the part of residents of the city is much desired.

The nurse now is attending about 25 cases in and about Connellsville. In one case a mother who has two sons one injured in a railroad accident but now able to do some work and another in school has tuberculosis. It is said the older son refuses to work and the family is in need. Other cases of need were cited and the nurse winced at the prospect of the winter now approaching and the suffering she sees each year when fuel, clothing and food are needed.

Mrs. Martha Murray Dead

Mrs. Martha Jane Murray, wife of J. P. Murray, died on Tuesday at 7 o'clock at her home at Normalville following a lingering illness. Notice of funeral later. Mrs. Murray was a daughter of D. W. C. Leichliter of Connellsville and had resided at Normalville the last 30 years. She was highly respected and her death is keenly felt by all who knew her. She was well known in and around Connellsville. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: David, Charles, Walter, Gilbert, Mrs. Harlie Snyder, Mrs. Katherine Fiteour, Mrs. Bessie Prinkey and Mrs. Ella Firestone, all of Normalville. The deceased children are Mrs. Eva Prinkey and Mrs. Emma Leasman. Her father and the following brothers and sisters also survive: J. P. Leichliter, Mover, I. B. Leichliter, Iverson, Mrs. Alice Osborne, Connellsville, Mrs. Catherine Henry, East Connellsville, Mrs. Mary Prinkey, Mrs. Jillie Slater, Moyer, Mrs. H. Stone, Bowbeton. Seventeen grandchildren also survive. Mr. Leichliter and daughter, Mrs. Osborne, will leave for Normalville this evening. Mrs. Murray was 69 years and eight months old.

Bids for Dunbar County Bridge

Bids for replacing a buttress of the county bridge at Dunbar will be advertised for by the County Commissioners who last Friday appraised the damage to the structure by flood at $100. None of the commissioners it was said today will attend the annual convention of the Association of County Commissioners at Indiana, Pa., tomorrow.

CONNELLSVILLE AN ELECTRIC AS WELL AS A COKE CENTER

Will Soon Supply 110 Towns and Cities of Western Pennsylvania.

THE WEST PENN'S EXPANSION

Cheat River Hydro Electric Plant Will Supply Territory South of Uniontown and Invade West Virginia.

Extension of the West Penn high tension and transmission system is expected to be completed by November according to reports. Men by from the Pittsburg offices of the company. When the work is completed the West Penn will supply light and power to more than 110 cities and towns in Western Pennsylvania, more than 285 miles of wire. Some of the towns to receive improved service from Washington, McDonald, Clairton, Kittanning, Freeport, Uniontown, Fairchance, Dunbar, Connellsville, Irwin, Derry, Greensburg and Latrobe.

The work of extension has been in charge of W. M. Rogers, superintendent of construction, at the local office of the company. He said today he still is in need of linemen.

Early in July construction was started on the high tension transmission lines from Freeport to Cowansville and from Salisbury to Vanderbilt. Connecting properties in the Jenkins Lake Valley were purchased early this year. This line is about 8 miles in length and will supply light and power to Deerbourne, Apollo and Vanderbilt. It is expected that it will be completed and in operation by October 15.

Surveys have been completed and rights of way secured on the high tension transmission lines from Vanderbilt to Freeport and from Saltzburg to Crenshaw and construction work is under way. These lines are 33 miles in length and supply the Allegheny Valley between Cowansville, Jacobs and Montrose with light and power. It is expected that these lines will be completed and in operation by November 1.

Surveys have been completed for a line to extend from Freeport to Butler and right of way is practically secured. The line will supply light and power to the Butler Light, Heat & Motor Company, which was purchased April 1 this year. It is expected that this line will be completed and in operation November 1.

Surveys have been completed, right of way taken and construction started for the extension of the company's high tension transmission lines south of Uniontown to the West Virginia state line. The line is about 20 miles in length and will supply power for construction purposes for the West Penn Traction & Water Power Company's hydro electric plant at the State line.

HUSBAND REPORTED SLAIN BY BOARDER

Fayette City Police Accuse John Cheko of Beating William Dieggon Dead

FAYETTE CITY, Sept. 11, 1912.—William Dieggon returning unexpectedly to his home at Arnold Court, Fayette City, at midnight last night became angered when he found John Cheko a boarder in the house with Dieggon's wife in night that enraged Dieggon's head was beaten to a pulp with a beer bottle. He died from his injuries.

Officers today were scouring the country for Cheko who so far has eluded them.

Little is known of the details of the alleged murder. Mrs. Dieggon refuses to talk. The murder occurred between 12 and 1 o'clock. The crime for the fugitive began at 1 o'clock and continued to 8 o'clock this morning when the police returned to Fayette City.

According to reports from that place Cheko entranced at sight of Dieggon hit him on the head with the bottle. Then it is alleged while Dieggon stunned by the blow vainly attempted to regain his feet Cheko jumped upon him and belabored his head with the bottle.

The affray attracted neighbors and officers and Cheko aware it is believed he had murdered Dieggon escaped a few minutes before the arrival of the police.

Constables Jay Deckman and John Lindsey and Policeman J. B. Hutchcraft of Fayette City, the last named formerly of Connellsville, took up the chase.

County authorities have been notified of the murder and given a description of the murderer. Cheko according to the description telephoned here today is about 35 years old, six feet three inches tall, blond, has left eye wooden, dark blue glasses and a dark suit. He has a small mustache.

WRECK AND DEATH ON B. & O.

Coke Cars Ditched near Mostoller, Johnstown Worker Killed

Traffic on the Somerset & Cambria division of the Baltimore & Ohio was delayed eight hours yesterday when seven cars of the Connellsville coke train left the rails at Mostoller. Three of the cars went over the embankment. It is said that a broken flange was responsible. No one was injured.

Guiseppe Tipiti, aged 4 years, was instantly killed yesterday at Johnstown when a piled up freight car under which he was working was struck by a Baltimore & Ohio switching engine.

Sidewalk Bids by Saturday

Bids for the sidewalk in front of the South Side School building on Race street must be in the hands of the secretary of the board by Saturday. The contract probably will be awarded Saturday night.

REV. B. FRANK WHITE'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Pastor of Local United Presbyterian Church Considers Action a Victory.

Rev. B. Frank White's resignation as pastor of the United Presbyterian Church was accepted, effective the first Sunday in October, by the West Moreland Presbytery at the meeting yesterday at Donegal near Irwin. The resignation presented verbally on the floor of the Presbytery after the Judiciary Committee of the Presbytery had refused to act. Commissioners Bell, Long and White, elected by the congregation of the local church to meet the Presbytery was accepted by the Presbytery unanimously. The pulpit of the local church will be declared vacant at the first Sunday in October by the Rev. S. P. Bell of Sewickley, head of the Judiciary Committee of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. White at Presbytery yesterday objected to the seating of Commissioners Long and Frampton, legality of which had been allegedly settled and the matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee which has various details of the trouble to the Presbytery. The committee in making its report, the two commissioners. During the hearing before the said committee the whole question of the legality of the congregation's meeting of August 4 was brought up, the meeting at which it was said it had been decided to call the Rev. Mr. White to the church. Following the report of the Judiciary Committee, White presented his resignation from the church, which was accepted by the Presbytery. It is said that White will go to Princeton for post graduate work.

It bent the mind to puzzle, said White this morning, who made no attempt to conceal his delight over what he hopes is a complete victory for him.

Presbytery complimented him on his fine and emphatic disproval of the One Man rule when preaching in the church said he. I think this one of the best warnings for two men who assume the right to own and operate churches as personal property. I think the little Boss Rule in the Corner has all the rumblings of the thunder Monday when he sent to the minister request that all for his back salary four months past due.

Connellsville people present at the meeting of the Presbytery yesterday were the Rev. Mr. White, Joseph A. Mason, Bell, Long, W. H. Francis, John McKesson, T. M. Semhower, Dr. J. French, Kendall, David Patterson. Thirty five churches are included in the Westmoreland Presbytery and pastors of all the churches were present. Those in attendance during the sessions, number 12 hours.

Dinner was served at the church and delegates by the congregation of the Dutfsville church.

REPAIRS STORM DAMAGE

Street Commissioner Reports Progress in Sewer and Other Work

Street Commissioner W. H. Stauffer said today he is making progress in repairing storm damage to streets, Leisenring avenue which was badly washed by the heavy rains has been covered with stones and put in good condition for traffic.

Considerable work has been done on Block stone road when the water which flooded the street has been turned into its original channel. Sewers have been cleaned and children attending Crossland school can now pass to the building without wading through mud.

Sewer contractor Daniel Talerico is pairing in the sewers on Pittsburg street to Mountz creek. It was necessary to construct coffer dams on said park improvement jobs to prevent the water from interfering with sewer.

Stein Dead at Mountsdale

MOUNTSDALE, Sept. 10.—Albert J. Stein aged 24 years died at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Stein, North street this place early last evening after an illness of typhoid fever. He had been indisposed the first few weeks but appendicitis was not diagnosed. Stein was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

For a few years he was proprietor of the Stein Hotel now known as Colonial. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, who is employed at the Pittsburg post office and six sisters as follows: George H. Stein and Mrs. Nora Winters, Somerset; Mrs. Rose M. Snyder, Mrs. Oklahoma Smith, Bertha Ida and Elizabeth at home.

His Horse Kicks Dr. Colburn

Dr. A. J. Colburn of this city received a painful injury on the knee when he was kicked by his horse. Dr. Colburn left the horse at Dunbar, and returned home on a streetcar.

CARNEGIE GUILTY OF THE LEISENRING NO. 3 MURDER, SAYS JURY

Coroner's Inquest Results in Charge Against Alleged Slayer of Repanvich.

HUNT FOR FUGITIVE FUTILE

Constable William Boland Hurries to Vance's Mills Following Report of Alleged Slayer's Whereabouts but Quarry Flees Toward Uniontown.

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LEISENRING MINER KILLED IN A BRAWL; SUSPECTS JAILED

Peter Repanvich Dies of Skull Fractured in Quarrel in Boarding House.

ALLEGED SLAYER MAKES ESCAPE

John Carnegie, Said to Have Caused Austrian's Death, Flees from Scene and Has Not Been Found—Others in Fight Brought to Connellsville

Peter Repanvich a miner was killed in a drunken brawl at House No 43 Leisenring No 3, at 12 30 o'clock Sunday morning, and three foreigners, charged with being implicated in the murder, were lodged in Connellsville jail A fourth, John Carnegie alleged to have struck the blow which killed Repanvich, escaped The Coroners inquest into the killing will be held at the Stader undertaking rooms this evening at 7 30 by Dr Harry J Bell

Repanvich the murdered man had been in this country less than four weeks coming here from Austria where, it is alleged he murdered a countryman Carnegie alias Peter Konash, served two terms it is alleged in the penitentiary one for cutting a fellow countryman.

It is alleged the trouble on Sunday morning started when Repanvich wanted to wrestle The match refused he began to smash the furniture Thomas Rebich boarding boss and one of the prisoners in jail here It is said, shoved Repanvich from the house three times Repanvich then grappled with Michael Vukasovich and was thrown to the floor Vukasovich it is alleged striking Repanvich twice in the mouth and kicking him

Carnegie became engaged in the brawl according to the foreigners and it is said, hit the murdered man between the eyes knocking him to the floor In falling the Austrian is said to have struck his head against the door fracturing his skull

Constable William Roland and Abraham Cohen were notified of the murder and went to Leisenring No 3 at 8 15 o'clock Sunday morning when they arrested Vukasovich Rebich and Anthony Pintar charged with accessories to the murder Coroner Bell and County Detective Smith arrived at Leisenring later

A search was made for Carnegie but he could not be found Sunday Roland received word that Carnegie who had shaved his mustache was seen drinking in the woods near Leisenring Roland and Cohen hurried to the scene but learned Carnegie had been seen near Juniata A search failed to find him

Repanvich was 24 years old and had no relatives here The body is at Leisenring An autopsy yesterday, showed the man had sustained a fracture of the skull

According to the boarding boss he and the murdered man formerly lived in the same village in Austria

Carnegie, following the alleged cutting affray, several years ago was captured by Constable Roland who while on a street car saw the man in Hogg's orchard on the West Side and opened fire on him Carnegie was convicted and sent to the penitentiary for two years.

Roland Monday morning notified the First National Bank to honor Carnegie's demands for money he has deposited there so that he could learn of the fugitive's whereabouts

PLANS FOR WESTERN MARYLAND OPENING FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce Tells of Encouragement From New York City

Plans for the proposed recognition by Connellsville of the opening of passenger traffic on the Connellsville Division of the Western Maryland will be taken up at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce committee appointed some time ago the first of the week according to the statement of President Markell who is at the head of the committee upon his return Friday from his vacation at Washington Island Wis Nothing definite has been determined yet as to the form of the recognition of it is probable there will be a banquet preceded by an automobile tour of the city

Besides President Roberts of the Western Maryland and party of officials it is likely that Vice President J M Schoonmaker of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie and a party of officials of that road will be here Secretary Hoag of the Chamber of Commerce while in New York this week, talked with Ralph C Caples General Agent for the New York Central Lines who expressed a determination to bring a party of New York Central officials here at some future date on a special train Caples declared the party would stop here long enough to give the railroad men an opportunity to look over Connellsville

President Markell of the Chamber of Commerce said today, it had been suggested that the opening of the Connellsville Division passenger traffic on the Western Maryland take the form of an historical pageant consisting of floats and other parade features but this proposition probably would be too expensive to be considered

Receive News of Rich Strike

News of a rich strike in a mine near Globe, Ariz. in the vicinity of the Guggenheim holdings was received today by stockholders in Scottdale and Greensburg including M J Kennedy of Scottdale president of the operating company Fred Crater and M A Gay of Greensburg The company owns 2 800 acres on which a shaft has been sunk 1 110 feet, which produced ore assaying it is said $18 copper $10 gold and $10 silver to the ton

McNary Quits Keystone Tube Works.

J E McNary secretary of the Keystone Tube Works, has resigned.

Italians Arrested in B. & O. Yards Said to be Laden With Merchandise

Charged with stealing a large quantity of merchandise, alleged to have been found in their possession when arrested in the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yards Wednesday night, B Bonnaddio and Dominic Goods, Italians who have been employed as section hands on the Baltimore & Ohio were held for court by Justice Donegan at a hearing this morning The arrests were made by Special B & O Officer Wilhere who found a number of brooms, brushes soap mops scrubbing brushes bell rope and other merchandise which they had tied up in a bundle, which was wrapped with paper A 32 calibre revolver, the barrel of which had been cut off was found on Bonnaddio About three inches of the barrel of the gun had been filed off the Italian admitting he had performed the operation

Two brothers Harry Livingston and Ligo Livingston, of Johnstown arrested for illegal trainriding on the B & O, were ordered held by Burgess J L Evans at police court this morning for 72 hours in order that officer might ascertain whether or not the brothers had broken into a freight car and taken merchandise One of the cars on the train from which the men were arrested had been broken into and robbed The Livingstons had a couple of new belts and other articles which were tied up in a red bandanna handkerchief

SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE MAY PROBE SOCIALIST ACT AS TO BELL CO.

Burgess Lee Intimates Committee to Investigate Hartman and Tressler.

COUNCILMEN ARE CRITICIZED

Executive of Borough Declares Two Alleged Defectionists Violated Principles of Party—Their Resignations May be Demanded

Burgess Samuel Lee of South Connellsville over whose veto South Connellsville Council at a meeting Thursday evening passed the pole and conduit ordinance presented by the Bell Telephone Company said it was likely the Socialists at a meeting Sunday afternoon would appoint a committee to investigate action of the two Socialist Councilmen Hartman and Tressler who voted to pass the ordinance over the Burgess veto

I think they have violated party principles said the Burgess today Lee is secretary of the Socialist organization at South Connellsville

According to the party rules as explained by Lee should the committee report that the principles had been violated the two members would be asked to resign Lee also said that the resignations of all the borough officials effective in event of violation of party principles were in his hands This is required by the laws of the party

DUNBAR TO VOTE ON $25,000 BONDS AT GENERAL ELECTION

Borough Council Authorizes the Special Issue for Permanent Improvements

Dunbar citizens at the general election November 5 also will vote upon a borough bond issue of $25 000 for street paving new sewering and permanent improvements made necessary by the storm which swept the town July 24 While the dirt and debris has been removed and many minor improvements have been made the town has insufficient funds to carry on the work and at the regular meeting of the Dunbar council this week the election was authorized to be held in connection with that in November

It is believed the bond issue will carry according to Dunbar borough officials

The new city cages recently ordered to replace those washed away by the flood are expected in Dunbar the first of the week As yet no definite decision has been reached as to the city jail site several locations being under consideration

Burgess Holsing and Chief of Police H S Anderson's record of offenders who are to be gathered in for sentences when the cages arrive is increasing almost daily

JURY FIXES BLAME FOR THE LIGONIER WRECK ON COMPANY

Verdict at Ligonier Holds that Corporation Was Negligent in Operation

The Ligonier Valley Railroad Company Friday night was blamed for the disaster at Wilpen on July 5 by the Coroner's Jury at the close of the inquest held at Ligonier under the direction of Coroner H Albert McMurray of Westmoreland county Twenty-four lives were lost in the wreck

The verdict follows

The wreck victims came to their death from injuries received from the railroad wreck following the collision on the Wilpen branch of the Ligonier Valley Railroad Company in operating their trains without written orders without certainty of verbal orders, without signal code without general rules in respect to operating trains without track signals and railroad instruction to employes without proper appliances especially for a signal system without any general recognized up-to-date method of operation"

Somerset Man Dies of Blood Poison

SOMERSET Sept 7—Martin L Shaffer aged 62 died at his home on the South Side yesterday morning at 10 o'clock after a several months illness from blood poisoning, contracted while he was repairing a sidewalk near his residence He had bruised his arm on the edge of a board Shaffer was a son of the late John H and Harriet (Stahl) Shaffer, of Somerset, and was born November 22 1849 He was married three times His first two wives were sisters the Misses Becraft of Baltimore Md His third wife is Clara Keefer Shaffer of Somerset He is also survived by two children by his second marriage Edward and Lillian Shaffer of Baltimore and two brothers William F Shaffer, of Somerset and Edward Shaffer, of Baltimore.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL TO SELL PROPERTY AND BUILD CHURCH

Congregation Decides to Place Sale With Trustees and Open Campaign.

NOW UP TO DIOCESE OFFICIALS

Concerted Efforts to be Made to Obtain Funds for Erection of New Building on East Side after Disposal of the Old and Parsonage

Negotiations for the sale of Trinity Episcopal church have turned from the local real estate agents to the trustees of the Pittsburg diocese. This was decided upon at a meeting of the congregation a few days ago Although the trustees will be in charge of the sale of the West Side property the deal probably will be arranged in Connellsville

Following the sale of the property a building campaign will be opened and new church erected on the east side of the river Although no definite selection of a site has been made several lots have been inspected

Trinity Episcopal congregation now owns the church on Main street near the Pennsylvania railroad and the parsonage on Fourth street Both are expected to net a sum which will serve as a nucleus for the building campaign

The property has been for sale for some time although no active effort was made to dispose of it the site of the church was in the hands of Real Estate Agent J A Misemer the parsonage with C P Markle

GRAND JURY TERMS CASES BACK YARD AND CLOTHES LINE SUITS

Constable and Justice Fees Denied Woman Asks Court for Mortgage

UNIONTOWN Sept 7—During the many cases before the court were back yard battles and clothes line scraps the Grand Jury in supplemental report this morning ignored ments report this morning ignored costs were to be paid constables or the justices of the peace

Of 143 bills acted upon an unusual large number was ignored 7 bills ignored and 41 true bills were found three withdrawn Five hundred and nine witnesses were examined

There were no bridge views One petition for a brick road was refused In many cases the report said many witnesses who were of no value to the State were summoned The report was signed by Foreman H K Smith and Carl G Arford secretary This is the first time the Grand Jury has failed to file report before the discharge of the petit jurors the first week Judge Umbel Swearingen read report and discharged the jury

An unusual suit in equity was begun this morning by Mrs Gussie George of Dunbar wife of Andrew George who formerly kept a grocery store there She alleged desertion on May 5 and asked that the Court mortgage the property or sell as much as necessary to maintain her eight children ranging in age from one year to 12 John Duggan Jr is the woman's attorney Antonio Buffini was interpreter

The court adjourned to 2 o'clock when a hearing in the New Salem equity case was heard

REMARK OF TAKARELLI HOLDS HIM ON A CHARGE OF MURDER

Beneficiary of Policy Sues Friends Husband on Charge of Larceny at Uniontown

UNIONTOWN Sept 9—In the case of Patrick Takarelli charged with the murder of Arthur Nevin a youth of Point Marion June 25 four jurors were accepted today It is alleged Takarelli told he thought that Nevin had shot himself Investigation was made and Nevin was found dead in his room He held a gun in his hand but there were no powder marks L B Brownfield is conducting the case for the defense

The four jurors are Joseph Rush miner North Union Ewing Wilhas farmer Menallen Charles H Spaw, laborer Wharton No 1 and Walter Copley miner Fairchance

The trial of Charles White on the felony charge began this morning Martha J Truman is the prosecutrix In surance policies held by Whites wife in favor of Mrs Truman amounted to $2134 5 Following Mrs Whites death the husband received the amount of the policy and it is said refuse to give Mrs Truman the money With the money it is alleged he bought a lot in a cemetery Senator Crow is conducting the case for the defense

Scottdale Man Killed by Train

James O'Neil of Scottdale was killed by a shifting engine at Walker Station at 7 45 Monday evening One of the arms was torn from the body.

M. P. CONFERENCE TO CONVENE NEXT YEAR AT FAIRMONT, W. VA.

Meeting Place Determined Upon Unanimously at Local Session.

ALL OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

Contrary to Expectations Dr J Sala Leland Again President—Lippincott, Secretary E J Headley Assistant, T M Gladden Statistician

The Methodist Protestants 70th annual conference in session here Wednesday officially recognized an open letter addressed to them by the Rev A R Seaman of South Connellsville a superannuated minister A committee was appointed consisting of Drs J H Lucas of Pittsburg C S Sanders of Pittsburg David Jones of Waynesburg W J Curry and Charles Brown They will act as to the letter sent by the Rev Mr Seaman

No program was outlined for this afternoon and it is probable the session will be given over to committee meetings If so an interesting report in regard to the Seaman letter may be made tomorrow

Howard Kelley in behalf of the Fairmont W Va congregation invited the conference to meet their next year The invitation was unanimously accepted No other town was in the race

All the contention for east was upset Monday afternoon when all of the officers were re elected It had been said unofficially that President J Sala Leland would not be a candidate this year he was the only minister nominated Other officers re elected were C M Lippincott secretary E J Headley assistant secretary T M Gladden statistical secretary and L Abel conference steward

This morning Dr B W Arnheny president of Adrian College gave an interesting address on the school work He commented on the high standard He spoke three quarters of an hour

From 10 30 until time for adjournment this morning there was a discussion as to the proposed revision of church reports at the conference at the end of each year

Dr J H Leeman of the Westminster Theological Seminary, addressed the conference

Yesterday afternoon the Rev J W Hawes was in charge of the devotional exercises and the President's report was received and accepted J C Brownfield and J L McDermott were elected ministerial members of the Stationing Committee W L Sankey Jr and George Mc Neill were elected lay members

The Rev R E Cline the Rev T M Goldden and Rev W H White were appointed committee on pulpit services The Rev R P White held was appointed chairman of the committee on Superannuated relations and S K Spahr resigned The report of the District Committee was read and received The Rev F C Wolfe of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Rev P J Allison of the Christian church were given honorary seats in the conference Secretaries of officers in the church was Secretary $10 assistant secretary $20 Statistical secretary $20 The benediction was pronounced by the Rev W A Rush

NEGROES ATTACK WHITSETT MERCHANT AND STEAL $756

Member of the Firm of Greenbaum & Nager Knocked Unconscious by Robbers

Two unidentified negroes entered the Greenbaum & Nager store at Whitsett at 7 30 Saturday night knocked Nager unconscious with a pick handle stole $ 6 in cash and escaped Nager was the only person in the store at the time and the moneys in it had been taken to following a three weeks pay at the mines in the vicinity

The negroes both of whom carried revolvers had been seen earlier in the evening but little attention was paid to them They fled toward Union town

One of the thieves was short heavy set weighed about 18 pounds and wore a broad rimmed slouch hat and black suit The other tall and slender shouldered weighed about 200 pounds wore white trousers with black stripes blue coat and stiff hat

Corn Roast at Tyrone

A corn roast was held at the home of Newton Shanbarger in Lower Tyrone township About 50 young people from Scottdale Connellsville Vanderbilt and Dawson were present

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Bank Statements

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 1912

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$478 190 07
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		9
U S Bonds to secure circulation		100 000 0
Other bonds to secure Postal Savings		1 054
Premiums on U S Bonds		0
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		6 000 0
Other Real Estate owned		11 0[illegible]4
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		5 [illegible]
Due from approved Reserve agents		[illegible]4 1 5
Checks and other cash items		1 [illegible]
Notes of other National Banks		10 00
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		188 03
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	$ 0 671 93	
Legal tender notes	14 000 00	84 674 8[illegible]
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		5 000 00
Total		$836,44[illegible] 66

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		$100 000 00
Surplus fund		125 000 00
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		1[illegible] 063 70
National Bank Notes outstanding		1[illegible] 000 0
Dividends Unpaid		80 00
Individual deposits subject to check	$469 122 98	
Demand certificates of deposit	21 [illegible]4 41	
Certified checks	[illegible] 66	
Cashiers checks outstanding	401 7	
Postal Savings Deposits	182 70	19[illegible] 82 90
Total		$8[illegible] 110 60

State of Pennsylvania, County of Fayette ss

I James I Kurtz Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

JAMES I KURTZ Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 1[illegible]

J F KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

S J HAIRY
J A KAUFF
GLO W CAMPBELL
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, at Dawson in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 1[illegible] 2

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$ [illegible] 881
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		1 481 44
U S Bonds to secure circulation		50 000 00
Premiums on U S Bonds		1 000 0
Bonds Securities etc		14 33[illegible] 70
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		- 00 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 01 [illegible]
Due from approved Reserve agents		291 611 49
Checks and other Cash Items		[illegible] 1
Notes of other National Banks		8,000 00
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		27 16
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	$10 468 0	
Legal tender notes	0 [illegible]	6 715 00
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2 00 00
Total		$61[illegible] 88[illegible] 7

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		$ 50 000 00
Surplus fund		15 000 00
Undivided profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		5 069 20
National Bank Notes outstanding		0 000 00
Due to other National banks		7 81
Individual Deposits subject to check	$ 60[illegible] 5	
Certified checks	1 0 0 1	
Cashier checks outstanding	70 1	1[illegible] 81 71
Total		89[illegible] 8[illegible] 9

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I R D Berry Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

R D BERRY Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

S J HAIRY
J A KAUFF
GLO W CAMPBELL
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE UNION NATIONAL BANK, at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$194 4 80
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		- 304 27
U S Bonds to secure circulation		800 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		00 0
Bonds Securities etc		10 40
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		3 4 11
Due from approved Reserve Agents		8 8 41
Checks and other Cash Items		1 [illegible] 3
Notes of other National Banks		- 0 0 01
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		11 7
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	$ 1 [illegible] 0	
Legal tender Notes	1 [illegible] 0	1[illegible] 0 0
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		- 0 0 0
Total		$ [illegible] 7 [illegible]

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ 50 1 0
Surplus Fund		0 1 1
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		4 1 -
National Bank Notes outstanding		0 000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	1[illegible] 1 08	
Time certificates of deposit	11 [illegible] 79	
Bills payable including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		8 0 00
Total		$1[illegible] 9 [illegible]

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I J C Long Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

J C LONG Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P PATTY Notary Public

Correct—Attest

P F NORRIS
A C EDWARDS
WM OWLIN
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SOUTH NATIONAL BANK, at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$ [illegible] 48 11[illegible]
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		6 1 40
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		1 0 0 0
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		1 8 8
Other Real Estate owned		7 [illegible] 94
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		11 08
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers Trust Companies and Savings Banks		4 7
Due from approved Reserve Agents		6 0 0 0
Checks and other Cash Items		1[illegible] 8 70
Exchanges for Clearing House		- 1 81
Notes of other National Banks		2 0 1 8[illegible]
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		9 1 0 0 0
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	7 3 [illegible]	
Legal tender notes	1 [illegible]	7 3 [illegible]

Bank, viz

Specie	$47 642 5[illegible]	
Legal tender notes	$ 500 00	52 142 5
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2 [illegible] 00 00
Total		$1[illegible] 1 [illegible]

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		$ [illegible] 0 0 0 0
Surplus Fund		[illegible] 0 0 0
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		9 [illegible]
National Bank Notes outstanding		7 000 0
Due to other National banks		1[illegible]
Dividends Unpaid		[illegible]
Individual deposits subject to check	$ [illegible] 7 [illegible] 8 8	
Time certificates of deposit	[illegible] 7 1	
Cashiers checks outstanding	7[illegible] 1	
Demand certificates of deposit	100 00	
U S Certificates of deposit	8 [illegible] 00	
Certified checks	4 4 0	
Postal Savings	1[illegible] 0	
Total		$ [illegible] 7 4 5 4 8 8

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I H Rankin Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

H RANKIN Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

J F NORTON
E T EVANS
ROBT MORRIS
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$268 [illegible] 10
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		24 0 8
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		1 0 0 0
Bonds Securities etc		11[illegible] 0 0
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		- 7 6 0 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 [illegible] 67
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers		- 0 0
Due from approved Reserve Agents		[illegible] 1 9 0 7
Checks and other Cash Items		8 8 5 7
Notes of other National Banks		1 0 0 0
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		1 [illegible] 0
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	[illegible]	
Legal tender notes	[illegible]	[illegible] 0 0
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		1 2 5 0 0
Total		$ [illegible] 0 [illegible]

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ 2 0 0 0 0 0
Surplus fund		0 0 0 0 0
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		8 [illegible] 0 1
National Bank Notes outstanding		24 4 0 0 0 0
Individual deposits subject to check	$ [illegible] 8 9	
Demand certificates of deposit	1 [illegible] 0 1	
Time certificates of deposit	1 41 0 4	
Certified checks	9 [illegible]	
Cashiers checks outstanding	1 0 4 0 4 1	10 7 8 2 0 8
Total		$ [illegible] 8 [illegible] 1 7

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I W A Cogley Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

W A COGLEY Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of September 191[illegible]

S F McCAUGHEY Notary Public

Correct—Attest

J F NORTON
E T EVANS
ROBT MORRIS
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Dunbar in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$ [illegible] 0 0 8 [illegible]
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		0 6 7
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		0 0 0
Bonds Securities etc		2 4 0 8
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		1 0 0 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 4 8 4 1
Due from State and Private Banks Trust Companies and Savings Banks		1 4 0 7 1
Due from approved Reserve Agents		2 [illegible] 0 4 0
Checks and other Cash Items		4 1 4 1 4
Exchanges for Clearing House		- 8 [illegible] 4
Notes of other National Banks		4 0 0 0
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		1 1 8
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	$ [illegible] 1 1 9	
Legal tender notes	0 0 0 0 0	1 3 9 1 4 0
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2 2 0 0 0
Total		$ [illegible] 5 1 [illegible] 5 0

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ [illegible] 0 0 0 0
Surplus fund		[illegible] 0 0 0 0
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		3 9 7 8 [illegible]
National Bank Notes outstanding		7 0 0 0 0 0
Due to other National Banks		4 8 7 1
Dividends unpaid		1 7 1 0 0 0
Individual deposits subject to check	$ [illegible] 1 [illegible] 0	
Demand certificates of deposit	1 4 0 [illegible] 8 3	
Certified checks	1 0 0 0 0	
Cashiers checks outstanding	1 0 4 1 [illegible] 1 7	
Total		$ [illegible] 8 0 [illegible] 1 8

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I F Norton Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

F NORTON Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

JOS PH SCHOOLEY
H M KILHAM
H C HOLLAMAN
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at CONNELLSVILLE in Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business Sept 4th 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$1 [illegible] 0 8 4
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		[illegible] 0 0
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		1 0 0 0
Bonds Securities etc		1 [illegible] 0 0
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		1 [illegible] 0 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 [illegible] 0
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers		1 [illegible] 0
Due from approved Reserve Agents		1 [illegible] 0
Checks and other Cash Items		1 [illegible] 0
Exchanges for Clearing House		1 [illegible] 0
Notes of other National Banks		1 [illegible] 0
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		1 [illegible] 0
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	[illegible]	
Legal tender notes	[illegible]	[illegible] 0 0 0
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		1 [illegible] 0 0
Total		$ [illegible] 0 [illegible]

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ [illegible] 0 0 0 0
Surplus fund		[illegible] 0 0 0 0
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		1 [illegible] 0 0
National Bank Notes outstanding		1 [illegible] 0 0 0
Due to other National Banks		1 [illegible] 0 0
Dividends unpaid		1 [illegible] 0 0
Individual deposits subject to check	$ [illegible] 0 [illegible] 0	
Demand certificates of deposit	1 [illegible] 0 0	
Certified checks	1 [illegible] 0	
Cashiers checks outstanding	1 [illegible] 0	
Total		$ [illegible] 0 [illegible] 0

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I W Hamilton Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

W HAMILTON Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

J F NORTON
E T EVANS
ROBT MORRIS
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business September 4 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$ [illegible] 0 0 8 [illegible]
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		0 6 7
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		0 0 0
Bonds Securities etc		2 4 0 8
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		1 0 0 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 4 8 4 1
Due from State and Private Banks Trust Companies and Savings Banks		1 4 0 7 1
Due from approved Reserve Agents		2 [illegible] 0 4 0
Checks and other Cash Items		4 1 4 1 4
Exchanges for Clearing House		- 8 [illegible] 4
Notes of other National Banks		4 0 0 0
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		1 1 8
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	$ [illegible] 1 1 9	
Legal tender notes	0 0 0 0 0	1 3 9 1 4 0
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2 2 0 0 0
Total		$ [illegible] 5 1 [illegible] 5 0

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ [illegible] 0 0 0 0
Surplus fund		[illegible] 0 0 0 0
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		3 9 7 8 [illegible]
National Bank Notes outstanding		7 0 0 0 0 0
Due to other National Banks		4 8 7 1
Dividends unpaid		1 7 1 0 0 0
Individual deposits subject to check	$ [illegible] 1 [illegible] 0	
Demand certificates of deposit	1 4 0 [illegible] 8 3	
Certified checks	1 0 0 0 0	
Cashiers checks outstanding	1 0 4 1 [illegible] 1 7	
Total		$ [illegible] 8 0 [illegible] 1 8

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I F Norton Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

F NORTON Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

JOS PH SCHOOLEY
H M KILHAM
H C HOLLAMAN
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at CONNELLSVILLE in Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business Sept 4th 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$1 [illegible] 0 8 4
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		[illegible] 0 0
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		1 0 0 0
Bonds Securities etc		1 [illegible] 0 0
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		1 [illegible] 0 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 [illegible] 0
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers		1 [illegible] 0
Due from approved Reserve Agents		1 [illegible] 0
Checks and other Cash Items		1 [illegible] 0
Exchanges for Clearing House		1 [illegible] 0
Notes of other National Banks		1 [illegible] 0
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		1 [illegible] 0
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz		
Specie	[illegible]	
Legal tender notes	[illegible]	[illegible] 0 0 0
Redemption fund with U S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		1 [illegible] 0 0
Total		$ [illegible] 0 [illegible]

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in		$ [illegible] 0 0 0 0
Surplus fund		[illegible] 0 0 0 0
Undivided Profits less Expenses and Taxes paid		1 [illegible] 0 0
National Bank Notes outstanding		1 [illegible] 0 0 0
Due to other National Banks		1 [illegible] 0 0
Dividends unpaid		1 [illegible] 0 0
Individual deposits subject to check	$ [illegible] 0 [illegible] 0	
Demand certificates of deposit	1 [illegible] 0 0	
Certified checks	1 [illegible] 0	
Cashiers checks outstanding	1 [illegible] 0	
Total		$ [illegible] 0 [illegible] 0

State of Pennsylvania County of Fayette ss

I W Hamilton Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

W HAMILTON Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September 191[illegible]

J P KURTZ Notary Public

Correct—Attest

J F NORTON
E T EVANS
ROBT MORRIS
Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Connellsville in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business Sept 4th 191[illegible]

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$ [illegible] 0 0 8 [illegible]
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		0 6 7
U S Bonds to secure circulation		0 0 0 0
Premiums on U S Bonds		0 0 0
Bonds Securities etc		2 4 0 8
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures		1 0 0 0
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1 4 8 4 1
Due from State and Private Banks Trust Companies and Savings Banks		1 4 0 7 1
Due from approved Reserve Agents		2 [illegible] 0 4 0
Checks and other Cash Items		4 1 4 1 4
Exchanges for Clearing House		- 8 [illegible] 4
Notes of other National Banks		4 0 0 0
Fractional Paper Currency Nickels and Cents		1 1 8
Lawful Money Reserve in

FIRES IN DWELLING AND STABLE PERIL WOMAN AND GIRL

Flames Damage Stafford Barn, and McDowell Home in Trump Avenue.

MOTHER IS BURNED ON HEAD

Alarms, Turned in at Short Intervals Demonstrates Efficiency of Auto-Truck, Which is Watched Closely by Large Street Crowds.

A stable belonging to Dewitt Stafford, on Wills road, where there is no fire protection, was burned to the ground and its contents, consisting of tools, paints and hay, were destroyed, and the building at 618 Trump avenue, occupied by Mrs M. McDowell and day evening. Both furnished excellfamily was damaged by fire Wednesdent opportunity for test runs by the new automobile fire-truck. The origin of both fires is uncertain.

Mrs. McDowell, when she opened the door leading into her bedroom, was confronted by a mass of flames. Her hair was badly singed Her 13-year-old daughter, Myrtle McDowell, narrowly escaped being badly burned as she started to enter the room, in front of her mother.

The fire at the Stafford stable, the second belonging to Mr. Stafford to be burned occured at 6 o'clock. Wednesday evening The East Side fire station was first notified of the flames, by telephone and the horses and wagon were on their way to the flam s by the time the West Side station received the alarm The auto truck although delayed by washouts on Wills road, made a record run to the blaz arriving several minutes ahead of the wagon Owing to lack of fire protection, chemicals on the auto truck were used The house and tool shop adjoining the stable, were slightly scorched The fact that the wind was blowing in the opposite direction prevented the building from igniting A garden house, attached to a water spigot, played a small stream of water onto the blaze.

Stafford could not estimate his loss this morning A stable, standing on the same site as the building burned yesterday was destroyed by fire some time ago

Mrs McDowell discovered the fire in the bed room of her home on Trump avenue upon her return from prayer meeting Wednesday. The children who spent the evening at the home of a neighbor and Mrs McDowell, sat on the porch for a few minutes after the evening church services but detected no sign of the fire until the bed room door was opened, when they went to the room to retire. The alarm was turned in immediately and the fire department arrived quickly

A lighted oil lamp had been left in the room and it was reported this exploded The lamp after the flames had been extinguished by the firemen was found on the floor and the chimney unbroken had rolled beneath the bed

Mrs McDowell said Thursday she was not able to estimate her d aes Much of the bedroom furnishings were burned while other furniture in the house was damaged by smoke and water.

RUFFCORN FAMILY REUNION IS HELD NEAR SCOTTDALE

Third Gathering of Clan Attracts Many Friends and Relatives.

SCOTTDALE, Sept 5—There was a large attendance at the third annual reunion of the Ruffcorn family which was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Jesse J Brown, three miles west of Scottdale. An ejoyable time was had, and group pictures of the crowd were taken by Elias Sinsley and Clyde McNelly

Among those present were Pressley Duffcorn, Defiance O. Mrs Anabel Ruffcorn, George Ruffcorn and Miss Lizzie Ruffcorn Mr and Mrs Bert Ruffcorn and family Mr and Mrs Wesley Galley, Mr and Mrs Olen, Mr and Mrs Orbin Mr and Mrs Mr B Gault and family Mrs Hugh Strickler and children Miss Celia Frey, Miss Sadie Gallacher Miss Mary Gallagher George C. Parker, Mrs Mary Braden Miss Margaret Francis, Master James Murtland, of Tyrone

Mr and Mrs. Ralph Harris and family, Mr and Mrs William Duncan, of Madison' Mrs Sophia Poole, Miss Lulu Poole, Mr and Mrs William Taylor and family, Mr and Mrs. Walter McNelly, Mrs Mary McNelly, of Ruffsdale, Mrs. Sanford Ruffcorn, Harry Taylor, Mr and Mrs. Frank Brown, Jesse Felgar, Mr. and Mrs Lyman Stoner, Mrs Maria Stoner, Mr and Mrs John Hoke, Mrs James Stoner, Abraham Stoner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs Aaron Stoner, Mr and Mrs L O Stoner and family, Mr. and Mrs D S Love and family, Mr and Mrs William Graft and family, Mrs John Reed Mrs Phoebe Reed, Misss Mary Reed Mrs Henry Lowe Mr and Mrs John Leighty Mis Rena Green, Mr and Mrs Frank Durstine, Samuel, Lee and Russell Breegle, the Misses Breegle, Mrs. Mary C Ruffcorn, of Scottdale Elias Reed of Mt Pleasant Mrs Lizzie Landenberger, of Dawson, Mr and Mrs Harry McNelly and family, of Turtle Creek, Mr and Mrs Frank Ruffcorn, Mrs Mary Ruffcorn, Miss Alicia Ruffcorn, Mr and Mrs. Stafford, Clyde McNelly, Charles McNelly, Mr. and Mrs Roy McNelly Mrs Alice Veitch and children, of Pittsburg

Face Hit by Discarded Silver.

Captain E. S Russell, of the Baltimore & Ohio detectives was informed today, that two boys arrested recently on the Connellsville division and brought to the local police station on a charge of illegal train riding, had tossed a package containing six silver spoons from a window of the train, following their arrest. A man standing along the track was struck in the face by the package, which he picked up and took home.

HUNTING OF DEER PROHIBITED IN THE STATE FOREST RESERVE

Season Which Opens November 15 to be Watched Earnestly by Game Wardens.

No hunting of deer will be permitted by the Pennsylvania State Game Commission in the forest reserve surrounding the game preserve in Somerset and Westmoreland counties, next hunting season, which opens November 15, according to reports here today

The game commission wants the deer to increase in these counties before they are killed by the hunters. Deer had been extinct in this section for many years, and when the state stocked the Westmoreland preserve it was hoped that the deer could have free range of the forest reserve and go and come to the Ligonier sanctuary at will

While the law during the hunting season allows the killing of bucks, with the horns visible above the hair, the people of Somerset and Westmoreland counties have agreed not to kill any of the imported buck, during the coming hunting season, so as to give the deer a chance to increase and multiply

It is a well known fact that bucks do not have horns until the second year. Fawns of the male species born last spring will be protected on all the state reserves during the coming hunting season. The spikes on the head of the deer must be well in the clear when he is knocked down by the hunter and if the hunter makes a mistake the state will make him pay severely for his error.

The game commission has been appealed to by a number of public spirited citizens of Somerset and Westmoreland counties for the protection of deer and other game on the preserve, to entice the bucks and enclose them until after the hunting season They have been fed on clover and other foods on the two-acre corral in the center of the game preserve and there will be no trouble to imprison them in the corral during the hunting season, as through much handling they are tame

This may prove a disappointment to some of the deer hunters but it will be the means of populating some of the waste places with deer

Beside the deer on the preserve, there is game of other kinds There is a large flock of wild turkeys, and the game commission has arranged to increase their number by liberating many more The state forest reserves belong to the people and it is not necessary to have a permit to visit the preserves, but the state requires that a permit must be taken out if the visitor intends to camp on them for any length of time These permits are issued gladly by the forestry department at Harrisburg

SOMERSET PLANS TO ANNEX ALL OF OLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting, Saturday, to Discuss Proposition of Importance to Realty Owners.

SOMERSET Sept 5—A meeting to discuss the enlargment of Somerset borough by including all territory formerly embraced in Somerset school district will be held in the assembly room of the court house Saturday, at 7 P M The question is one of importance to citizens especially to the owners of real estate in the area mentioned

The advantages residents of the old school district derived are manifest in many ways now that a separation has taken place, and the only way open to a restoration of conditions is said to be through annexation of the territory formerly embraced in the school district, to Somerset borough

Property owners of Somerset township already realize what separation of the old school district means to them in the way of increased taxation and they have been quick to appreciate the fact that to maintain a separate High School they will be forced to pay more taxes and also for the erection of new school houses

Somerset borough, on the other hand has discovered that in order to maintain her present schools it has been necessary for the school authorities to increase the rate of taxation for school purposes, in order to make up the revenue cut off by separation from the school district

THE MAKING OF A WALTON

How an Old Connellsville Boy Became an Adrept Angler

Clark Bishop after years of devotion to business has retired to the calm content and deal life of a modern Isaak Walton When he was busy selling plows from New England to Mexico, he didn't have time to go fishin He is now making up for lost time The piscatorial instinct born with the chubs and suckers which once inhabited the rippling waters of the Yough still abides with him

He was in Connellsville a couple of weeks ago having just returned from a fishing trip in the wilds of Canada where he made some record bass catches He writes from Norfolk, Va, to say that the fishing off Ocean View is fine his record that day including 135 spots a highly-prized edible fish He says "I go from here over to Yorktown to fish in the York river for awhile After that I will go to the Shenandoah river to visit Cousin Sim who spends several months every year on this stream

GETS DAVIDSON CONTRACT

Will Replace Old Stone Abutments With Concrete—To Build Cofferdam

The Keystone Lumber Company has been awarded the contract for the replacing of the old stone abutment on the county bridge at Davidson with a concrete one Owing to the high water and lack of cement the work will not be started for several weeks The old stone abutment was badly damaged during the recent high water and the County Commissioners after an inspection decided to have it replaced A cofferdam will be built around it

Local builders are complaining of the lack of cement. The recent floods have washed out many concrete abutments and walls and the call on the cement companies has been unprecedented Orders placed two weeks ago will not be filled for over a week. Work here has been held up on this account.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN CONNELLSVILLE REPORTED AT 2,238

Superintendent Ashe Receives Count From Various Ward Buildings.

FOURTH DISTRICT IN THE LEAD

Head of Local Educational System Declares There is no Overcrowding, and That Total Number of Pupils will be 2,400 Soon.

The enrollment in the Connellsville schools Wednesday was 2238 according to figures submitted to Superintendent Stanley P Ashe by the principals of the various ward schools This is an increase of about 100 over the enrollments the close of the first month last year. Superintendent Ashe said this morning that he expected the enrollment to reach 2,400 by the close of the present month

The enrollment, as reported yesterday follows Second Ward building, 333, Third Ward, 316, Fourth Ward, 430, South Side, 324, West Side, 425, High School, 390.

Superintendent Ashe said today the schools were not crowded While some of the grades are well filled now, changes during the next few days will remedy these conditions and the schools will not be congested

The Connellsville school board, at a special meeting yesterday evening in the offices of President Fred E Younkin in the Title & Trust Building ordered that bids be requested for walks and walls in front of the South Side school building The secretary will advertise for bids immediately and the contract will be awarded without delay

MEYERSDALE FINALLY AGREES ON ELECTRIC LIGHT GRANT

Proposition of H J Wilmoth Approved, $1 000 First Year for Franchise

MEYERSDALE, Sept 5—At last the settlement of the question of an electric light franchise is in sight During the last eight months Council has wrangled over the matter, and in that time several companies applied for a franchise There also has been talk of gas, and of municipal ownership

H J Wilmoth now furnishing the light refused to give more than $400 a year for the franchise Council thought it worth $900 a year. Preparations were underway to submit the question of municipal ownership to the people, but this fell through owing to Wilmoth's willingness to give a better price to the borough In his latest proposition he agreed to give $1,000 the first year and $750 each succeeding year He held he would not accept a franchise for less than 15 years He now has agreed to accept a 10-year franchise and a five-year contract Wilmoth also agrees upon Council's demand to install the latest type of metallic flame arc lamps instead of those now in use provided a reasonable time is allowed him for making the change

There were three minor concessions and Council as a whole were so pleased with the matter that they voted unanimously to accept the proposition In all probability the matter will be ratified at an adjourned meeting of Council tonight

WEST PENN CAR HITS LAD AS HE PUSHES COW FROM TRACKS

George Cole of Tarr Station Seriously Injured in Accident Near Home

While he was attempting to push a cow off the track near his home at Tarr Station Wednesday night George Cole the 11 year old son of James Cole, was struck by a northbound West Penn car and seriously injured His condition last night was critical but this morning he was improved Young Cole's two toes were mashed his foot crushed and he was injured internally

The boy was driving the cow home from the pasture The animal went to cross the tracks near Tarr station and stopped When he was pushing the animal away the car struck the boy The emergency brake was applied by Henry Bell the motorman but it was useless as the car was but a few feet away fro a the boy at the time

The car was derailed and the passengers badly frightened and shaken up Young Cole was taken to the Mt Pleasant Memorial Hospital Traffic was held up at Tarr for about an hour A work car arrived on the scene at 9 o'clock and put the car on the track.

FEDERAL HEALTH BUREAU TO AID CHILDREN AGAINST DISEASE

Government Orders District Physician to Instruct as to Contagious Ailments

Public school children in Connellsville may be taught the simpler methods for preventing bubonic plague yellow fever, smallpox cholera, typhus and many other contagions and dangerous diseases if a plan which Dr J B Stoner, surgeon-in-command of the United States Public Health Service in this district materializes

Dr Stoner is acting under instructions from Washington Several days ago he received a health bulletin issued by Dr Ruper. Blue surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service instructing all government health officers to begin at once the work of educating the public in the best methods to guard against the contraction and spread of the more dangerous contagious diseases

7 000 Bell Calls Every 24 Hours.

An average of 7 000 local calls every 24 hours was handled by the Connellsville Bell telephone exchange last month There were 200 toll calls daily,

DEATH HALTS TRIAL OF PAUL MARTIAK ON MURDER CHARGE

Mother of Pittsburg Physician in Case Succumbs and Court Grants Postponement.

UNIONTOWN Sept 5—Death of the mother of Dr C B Schildecker of Pittsburg, the physician who conducted the autopsy over Steve Sherfezo whom Paul Martiak a Croatian is alleged to have injured fatally during a fight at Whitsett July 18 caused the postponement of the Martiak murder trial this morning, possibly until the December term After 9 jurors four of whom had served on the Orsag murder case conducted yesterday, had been selected, District Attorney Shelby received a telegram from the Pittsburg physician asking that he be called Monday The telegram was shown to the court and the jurors were dismissed from further service in that case

Sherfezo died in a Pittsburg hospital a few days after being struck by a beer bottle alleged to have been wielded by the defendant who was arrested a short time ago at Livingston, Ill by County Detective Smith

John Allison the first juror selected in the Martiak case also was the first juror selected in the Orsag trial John H Young of Connellsville was one of the nine men empaneled on the Martiak jury this morning

The Grand Jury this morning returned seven bills three of which were ignored The trial of Frank Verdik ex-Justice of the Peace at Fayette City and indicted this morning for desertion and non-support, was begun in the small court room

The following true bills were returned Frank Venalek desertion and non support Alonzo Collins larceny John Williams larceny Joseph Duncan aggravated assault and battery Ignored bills were George Metz aggravated assault and battery in which the prosecutor Anthony Zurik was fined the costs Anna Rizna assault and battery Harry Horner, assault and battery

The bill against Mrs Anna Radusek of Wick Haven charged with being a common scold, was ignored and the prosecutrix Mrs Mary Kaslinas ordered to pay half the costs

The Second National Bank of Connellsville today entered suit against William Garton florist, of Uniontown on note in giving principal interest and protest fee

John Oberly sued Thomas Supitoski of Oliver No 3 for $210 in the sale of a horse

MASONIC TEMPLE AND MAGYAR CHURCH ARE HIT BY LIGHTNING

Cornice Torn off Roof of Former: Steeple of Latter Building Damaged.

SPIRE STRUCK THREE TIMES

West Penn Railways Company Experiences Floods at Coalbrook Morrell, Leisenring and Other Points—Chief Engineer Tells of Disaster,

The Masonic Temple on South Pittsburg, street and the Magyar church which was hit by lightning July 4 were struck by bolts on Friday during another heavy storm which swept over the city Not much damage was done at either place Several inches were torn from the southeast corner and the cornice was loosened by the bolt which struck the Masonic temple

The steeple of the Magyar church was struck in exactly the same place as on July 4.

Mrs E M Stahl while preparing breakfast this morning was stunned when a bolt of lightning struck the house The lightning entered the house over the telephone wires Mrs Stahl was hurled against the kitchen door Her hand was slightly burned

More damage in general was caused by the heavy rains and many streets were flooded Several sewers were clogged

The West Penn company again suffered damage at several points along the line The track was flooded and slightly washed at Coalbrook There was trouble at Morrell Tracks near Leisenring were covered with debris Traffic was not seriously hampered however

That a lightning arrester that would arrest was worth $1 000 000 to the inventor and at least $10 000 000 to electrical companies of the world was the declaration today by Chief Engineer Fritsch of the West Penn discussing the storm damage He estimated damage caused to electrical companies and power plants the world over, by lightning at many millions of dollars a year

The West Penn power plant along the Yough suffered slightly from the floods The most modern lightning arresters are installed at the plant

Woman Foiled Twice at Suicide

Susan Smith living near Browns ville, it is alleged has in the last few days made two unsuccessful attempts to commit suicide She was prevented from drinking the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid by a bystander Later she went to the office of a physician and denied a quantity of the acid, attempted to take laudnum

New Signs on Yough Bridge

New signs warning as to a fine of $25 for driving faster than a walk across the structure have been placed on the bridge spanning the Yough river Several months ago the old signs were torn down The new were placed by order of the County Commissioners

Ashe Plans for Institute

Superintendent Stanley P Ashe of the Connellsville schools is arranging for the annual teachers institute to be held after Thanksgiving Several out-of-town speakers will deliver addresses

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BELL COMPANY GIVEN PERMANENT GRANT IN SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE

Despite Burgess Lee's Veto, Council Passes Ordinance by Vote of 5 to 1.

REYNOLDS SUPPORTS EXECUTIVE

Proposal to Tax Telephone Poles 25 Cents Each up Later—Councilman Hartman Socialist, Deserts Ranks and Ballots with Three Republicans

With Councilman Reynolds voting to sustain the veto of Burgess Samuel Lee of South Connellsville on the Bell telephone franchise ordinance that measure was passed Thursday by a vote of 5 to 1 This gives to the telephone company a permanent franchise in South Connellsville Later in the year Council will take up the matter of fixing a tax of 25 cents on the proposed tax for each pole which will be taken up A similar 25 cents is the proposed tax for each pole The Bell company also agreed to replace poles on Pittsburg street that now look inconveniently located

The Council chamber was the scene of a strenuous debate during the short session The only matter to come before the meeting was the passing of the ordinance Burgess Lee's veto was next In the battle that followed four Councilmen voted to pass the ordinance and one to sustain the Burgess veto Hartman Socialist and Mason McCarthy and Miller the latter three Republicans voted for the measure Although Reynolds voted with the Burgess the ordinance passed with two thirds vote An effort was made on the part of the Socialists to secure the vote of President Tressler Republicans in the body insisted that the President could not vote but upon the opinion of Councilman Borough Clerk A O Bixler Tressler voted to pass the ordinance

Borough Treasurer T C Phillips spoke at length When the roll was called however President Tressler asserted the Socialist right to vote in the ordinance

Burgess Lee said it was for the borough to take over the poles and maintain them Those opposed to the Bell had consulted an attorney They claimed that according to the State law the borough could not take over the property in the manner presented by the Burgess It is said many families in South Connellsville have been waiting months to get the telephones in but could not owing to the company's refusal to the passing of the ordinance

It is expected the Tri-State Telephone Company will soon try to obtain a permanent franchise in South Connellsville An effort was made by the West Penn Railways Company some time ago to secure the lighting contract but was quite drawn because of the plan of the Socialists to have their own water and electric light plants

At the next meeting the ordinance taxing each telephone pole at two cents for maintenance will be considered

P R R Bulks at Uniontown

Unless Uniontown Council votes to vacate two alleys off Pittsburg street work on the new $200 000 Pennsylvania freight and freight station will be stopped The alleys are necessary for the construction of the freight depot but as the railroad company refused to establish grade crossings on Miller street and Penn's only avenue Council opposes vacation of the alleys

Owensdale Girls Flood Bathers

A number of fair maidens of Owensdale took advantage of the high water in Jacobs creek Tuesday afternoon and attired in neat bathing suits made merry where the creek had overflowed They drew a large number of curious youngsters to the scene

Overholt Distillery Damage $3 000

Damage caused the Overholt distillery at Broad Ford by recent storms was estimated today at $3 000 With another week of fair weather it is said all damage will have been repaired

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION

Number One
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth

Section 1 Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met (two thirds of both Houses concurring) That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof—

That section four of article nine which reads as follows

Section 4 The General Assembly may, at any time, by law, create a debt, or debts, to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war or to pay its existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time one million of dollars. Provided, however, That the General Assembly may authorize the creation of a debt, or debts, in addition to the debt above limited, to supply deficiencies in revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or pay its existing debt, which additional debt, with the debt previously contracted, shall never exceed the sum of two millions of dollars; and the moneys arising from the creation of such additional debt shall be applied to the purpose for which they were obtained, or to the payment of the debt so contracted, and to no other purpose whatever.

Section 2 Amend section three of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

All laws authorizing the borrowing of money by the State, except those for the purpose of repelling invasion, suppressing insurrection or defending the State in war, shall specify the purpose to which the money shall be applied, and the law making the appropriation for the payment of the interest and principal of the debt to be created shall be irrepealable until the debt is paid. And no money shall be applied to any purpose other than that designated by the law authorizing the loan.

Section 3 Amend section four of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The credit of the Commonwealth shall not be pledged or loaned to any individual, company, corporation or association, nor shall the Commonwealth become a joint owner or stockholder in any company, association or corporation; nor shall the Commonwealth assume the debts of any county, city, borough, township or municipality, unless such debt shall have been contracted to enable the State to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend itself in time of war, or to assist the State in the discharge of any debt or liability existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment.

Section 4 Amend section five of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The Commonwealth may contract debts to meet casual deficits in the revenue, but the aggregate amount of such debts, direct and contingent, whether contracted by virtue of one or more than one act of Assembly, or at one or more than one time, shall never exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and the money arising from the creation of such debts shall be used only to meet such deficits, or the interest on such debts, and for no other purpose; and when such debts, and the interest thereon, shall have been paid, the money arising from the creation of such debts shall be used for the payment of such debts and interest, and for no other purpose whatever.

Section 5 Amend section six of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

To provide for the payment of the present debt, and any additional debt contracted as aforesaid, the legislature shall create a sinking fund, which shall be sufficient to pay the accruing interest, and redeem the principal of the debt within thirty-five years from the time of its contraction, and shall appropriate to the sinking fund, from time to time, all moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated by the Constitution, which may be required for the payment of interest and principal of the debt; and may also appropriate to the sinking fund such other sums as may be necessary to effect the payment of the debt as aforesaid. The sinking fund shall consist of the moneys hereby appropriated, and of such moneys as may be directed by law to be paid into it, and of all moneys which may be received from the sale of stocks owned by the Commonwealth, or from any corporation, association, or individual, indebted to the Commonwealth; and the moneys in the sinking fund shall be applied to the payment of the debt of the Commonwealth, and to the redemption of the certificates thereof, and to the payment of interest on the debt, in such manner as may be directed by law, and to no other purpose whatever.

Section 6 Amend section seven of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The Commonwealth shall not assume the debts of any county, city, borough, township or municipality, unless such debts shall have been contracted to enable the State to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend itself in time of war, or to assist the State in the discharge of any debt or liability existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment.

Section 7 Amend section eight of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The State shall not assume the debt of any corporation, association or individual, except as the result of a banking law, nor shall the State become a stockholder in any corporation, association or individual, except as the result of a banking law, or a law relating to the mortgage indebtedness of railroads, canals or railroad companies, which railroads or canals have been constructed by the State, and shall have been sold by the State, but the General Assembly may, by law, provide for the payment of the interest, or any part thereof, which may accrue upon the bonds or debts of any railroad or canal company, which railroad or canal may hereafter be constructed by the State, and sold by the State, and for the payment of which the faith of the State may be pledged.

Section 8 Amend section nine of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The credit of the Commonwealth shall not be directly or indirectly given or loaned in any case, except as provided in section seven of this article, nor shall the Commonwealth hereafter become a joint owner or stockholder in any company, association or corporation, except as provided in section seven of this article.

Section 9 Amend section ten of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly shall not authorize any county, city, borough, township or incorporated district, by vote of its citizens or otherwise, to become a stockholder in any company, association or corporation, or obtain money for, or loan its credit to, any corporation, association, institution or individual.

Section 10 Amend section eleven of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly shall not pass any special act conferring corporate powers, but they may classify corporations, and pass general laws under which corporate powers may be conferred by the certificate of the proper officers, upon the compliance by the persons or corporations desiring the same, with the conditions prescribed by such laws; and all general laws conferring corporate powers may be altered, amended or repealed by the General Assembly when necessary for the public good, but in such manner that no injustice shall be done to corporators.

Section 11 Amend section fourteen of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly shall not authorize any county, city, borough, township or incorporated district, by vote of its citizens or otherwise, to become a subscriber to the capital stock of any railroad or other corporation, or to make appropriation to any railroad or other corporation, except such as may be necessary for the purchase of stock held by the State, which may be sold for the benefit of the Sinking Fund.

Section 12 Amend section fifteen of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly shall not release or alienate the right of the Commonwealth to any property, except such as may be necessary for the use of the Commonwealth, unless the consideration for the same be paid or secured to be paid to the Commonwealth, or be worth at least the sum released or alienated.

Section 13 Amend section sixteen of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

All laws relating to corporations may be altered from time to time, or repealed, and the privileges and powers of corporations thereafter created may be altered, limited or restrained by law, and all laws passed by the General Assembly granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, shall be subject to repeal or alteration at the discretion of the General Assembly.

Section 14 Amend section seventeen of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

No law shall be passed granting powers or privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where provision has been made by general law for the organization of cities and incorporated districts, and the powers, rights, duties and liabilities of such cities and districts, and the method by which their powers may be increased, diminished or surrendered, nor where the General Assembly has provided, or can provide, by general law, a uniform method for the creation of municipal corporations, and the increase, diminution or surrender of their powers, rights, duties and liabilities.

Section 15 Amend section eighteen of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly shall not create, extend or change the powers, duties or boundaries of counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election districts or school districts, by special or local law, until the proposition so to do shall have been submitted to the electors of the county, city, borough, township, election district or school district affected thereby, at a general or municipal election, in such manner as may be provided by law. No such law shall be valid unless it shall, within six months after the passage thereof, be adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 16 Amend section nineteen of article nine, so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly shall not pass special laws for the following purposes, namely:

For the assessment and collection of taxes, except as to the mode of levying taxes on property used for coal mining purposes;

For the punishment of crimes;

For changing the names of persons or places;

For the change of the venue in civil or criminal cases;

For the incorporation of cities, towns or villages, or the amendment, extension or impairing of their charters;

For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting;

For granting divorces;

For erecting new counties, or changing county lines;

For erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts;

For the conveyance of real estate belonging to minors or others under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be certified in the decree of sale;

For the partition of real estate, except in the case of the sale of the property of minors or others under disability, after due notice to all parties in interest, to be certified in the decree of sale;

For the sale of the real estate of minors or others under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be certified in the decree of sale;

For the assessment or collection of taxes, or imposing additional penalties or interest thereon;

For the remission, release, postponement or diminution of the sentences, or the penalties or forfeitures imposed or incurred for offenses against the State, or for the application of the money arising therefrom;

For the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses, and the raising of money for such purposes;

For the fixing of the rate of interest;

For affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be certified in the decree of sale;

For remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury;

For exempting property from taxation;

For regulating the rate of interest on money;

For regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, auditors, or other tribunals, except to regulate the jurisdiction and duties of orphans' courts, and to confer upon them chancery powers, when they may be established by law in lieu of the present equity powers of the Courts of Common Pleas, in the counties which may adopt the same;

For limiting the time of appeals or writs of error;

For giving effect to the verdict, report or decision of referees, or other tribunals, to which matters at issue between parties may be referred by consent of parties, or by agreement filed, or by the act or rule of court;

For providing for the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors, or regulating the traffic therein;

For chartering or licensing ferries or bridges, or toll roads, or for the charging of toll thereon, or for the construction, maintenance, use, regulation, or franchises of railroads, railways, or other highways;

For vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys;

For relating to cemeteries, graveyards or public grounds not of the State;

For authorizing the adoption or legitimation of children;

For changing the names of persons or places;

For authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, maintaining, or vacating roads, highways, streets or alleys;

For the assessment and collection of taxes for the purpose of making, opening, altering, maintaining, or vacating roads, highways, streets or alleys;

For conferring upon corporations, associations, or individuals the right of way, or the right to take property for the construction of railroads, turnpikes, canals, or railways;

For the preservation of game, or the prevention of the killing of game, within this Commonwealth, except such laws as may be passed for the protection of game in certain districts bordering on the waters forming the boundaries of this Commonwealth, and such laws as may be passed for the protection of fish in the waters of this Commonwealth;

For the protection of fish in the waters of this Commonwealth, except such laws as may be passed for the protection of fish in the waters of this Commonwealth, which are not entirely within the limits of this Commonwealth;

For the protection of the owners of dogs, or the imposition of taxes upon dogs;

For the punishment of offenses against the elective franchise;

For the purchase of, or erection of, or assistance in the erection of, any building or buildings to be used for the meeting of the General Assembly, or for the transaction of the business of the Commonwealth, or for the location of the seat of government

FRICK MINE OPENINGS RAISED FIVE FEET TO BAR FUTURE FLOODS

Shafts at Lemont, Youngstown and Coalbrook Improved After Storms.

CREVASSES ARE BEING FILLED

Superbs and Other Coal Companies Make Extensive Preparations to Prevent Water in Workings—Search for Polecat Bodies

The H C Frick Coke Company is making extensive alterations at the Lemont, Youngstown and Coalbrook mines to prevent further damage by floods Similar improvements are being made at the mines of the Superba Coal Company at Evans Station while other improvements at mines in the Connellsville region are planned

All openings at the two Lemont and Youngstown mines are being raised five feet above the highest water mark recorded in the flood of July Surface openings or cracks in the earth above the mines are being covered to prevent seepage

The work at Coalbrook consists mainly in filling the surface cracks above the mine A force of men is at work today, hauling dirt and filling the crevasses The Lemont mine flooded July 24 is operating at full capacity. It will be several days before all the water is removed from the Youngstown mine

The manways where the water poured into the mine of the Superba Coal Company are being raised 10 feet. Other surface openings are being cemented to prevent another flood

Mine Foreman Wm. Ganier Thursday estimated it would require another month to remove the water from the Polecat mine that it will require at least three weeks to recover the 10 bodies in the workings which he thought were about 700 feet from the point where the water already has been removed Ganier said the slope of about 900 feet is still covered with water

He believed the bodies are not far from the rooms in which the men were working The rooms are higher than the main slope and the miners probably were penned when they discovered the mine was flooded

The cause of water in the Davidson mine near the Coalbrook honeycombed workings has been discovered Engineer Leroy Guibord H found that water seeped through the honeycomb into the Davidson mine John Duggin has the contract to fill the holes through which water from Mounts creek poured in great volume

NATIONAL TRAFFIC LEAGUE IN APPEAL TO BAR CAR SHORTAGE

Association Issues Circular to Railroads Urging Precautionary Measures

Railroad officials have received circulars from the National Industrial Traffic League calling attention to the threatened car shortage The league urges the necessity of loading cars as heavily as possible of limiting orders to actual necessities and of loading and unloading cars with the greatest dispatch

The circular says The league urges the railroad companies to do more than their more important part by making adequate and thorough preparations for the threatened shortage There are certain places in the country where today a certain congestion of freight is reported at least to the extent that prompt transportation and switching service are not being furnished

The railroad companies are urged to make special efforts immediately to clean up their yards completely to employ all the extra force necessary to put their freight equipment and their motive power particularly switching in as complete repair as possible and to hurry all proposed additions to side tracks yards or other work so that when the emergency comes they will not be delayed by construction work that so seriously delays traffic also to urge upon their operating departments the importance of promptly unloading coal and other material for company use

By appropriate and concerted action of carriers and shippers the coming expansion of business may be an unalloyed blessing through the elimination of congestion delay and car shortage that in the past have invariably accompanied extraordinary traffic movement and seriously restricted prosperity

PENNSYLVANIA LINES AWARD TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR $600

Camden, N J, and Cleveland O Youths Successful in Road's Annual Examinations.

The annual award of the two Frank Thomson scholarship was made Friday by the Pennsylvania Railroad Herbert Ridgway of Camden N J and Edward McKinley French of Cleveland O were the successful candidates on the lines east and west of Pittsburg respectively having received the highest averages in a competitive examination open to sons of all employes

At present ther are eight holders of these scholarships which amount to $800 annually .This is maintained by a fund endowed in the sum of $120 000 in 1907 by the children of Frank Thomson former President of the Pennsylvania as a memorial to their father

Herebrt Ridgway is a son of M B Ridgway passenger conductor on the West Jersey & Seashore railroad He is 20 years of age and is at present attending Cornell University where he expects to continue his studies.

Edward McKinley French is a son of H A. French deceased formerly freight agent of the Marietta division He has been attending the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland

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WESTERN MARYLAND ACQUIRESC COAL STATION IN SOMERSET

New Road in Deal with Cook Heirs Said to Own Tract of Enormous Value.

The Cook heirs W H Cook Jr and A. J Cook it was announced yesterday intend to incorporate a company for the development of their land in Somerset county which for the most part consists of fire clay, coal and timber along the line of the new Western Maryland railway The big Savage tunnel passes through this land which is among the richest and most desirable in Somerset county The clay is pronounced to be of the finest quality There are said to be 1 338 acres of it inside and outside the Cook holdings

An estimate yesterday was placed upon the timber and bark which the land contains and conservative figures it is declared place a valuation upon it providing the timber were sawed and placed upon the market of $9 000 000 Messrs Cook say they have a standing offer of $42 000 for all the bark The coal will be mined and furnished to the Western Maryland railway at one of its coaling stations There is at present on the property a 300 foot side track

Among the large shareholders are Mrs Lafayette wife of Dr L Fayette of Scalp Level an heir and H J Willmoth of Meyersdale another heir and who will be the president of the corporation

GEORGE F. BAER TO RETIRE AFTER FORTY YEARS' SERVICE

Head of Reading Railroad and Allied Properties to Withdraw September 26

PHILADELPHIA Sept 5—George F Baer president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company will attain his 70th year on the 26th day of this month According to the rules of the company's pension system he will cease then to be the active head of the great railroad and coal properties of the Reading company So far no official announcement has been made concerning Baers prospective retirement It is not believed, however that any exception to the retirement rule will be made in his case and it is expected he will relinquish his duties as president as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made as to his successor

The retirement of Baer will remove from the active ranks one of the most dominant figures in American railroad and industrial circles For more than 40 years he has held an intimate connection with Pennsylvania's leading industries and during nearly half of that period he may be said to have guided the destinies of the whole field of anthracite coal mining and the numerous allied industries

5-FOOT CEMENT WALL AROUND THE LEISENRING NO 1 MINE

Frick Company Makes Extensive Preparations to Bar Flood and Fire

Improvements costing several thousand dollars and providing additional fire and flood protection are being installed at the Leisenring No plant of the H C Frick Coke Company A five foot concrete wall is being built around the mouth of the mine shaft to prevent water from entering while walls along the banks of the creek which overflowed into the shaft recently are being cemented and a standpipe 8 or 10 inches and a flood gate installed to prevent the Baltimore & Ohio tracks from being washed out

A new 4 inch water line for fire protection is being laid the old line 1,500 feet long and 2 new fire plugs are being installed Heretofore the water lines have been only 2½ inch

B. & N. READY NOVEMBER 1

Chief Engineer of New Railroad Tells of Opening of Line

Major Samuel D Brady chief engineer of the Buckhannon & Northern Railroad from the Pennsylvania West Virginia State line to Fairmont W Va in Connellsville yesterday said the railroad would be ready for operation in November While much delay has been caused by recent storms Major Brady declared the company had suffered comparatively little damage

It is reported the Pennsylvania end of the new railroad between Martin near Brownsville and the State line connection with the Buckhannon & Northern will not be ready for operation before January 1 owing to delay to the new bridge across the Monongahela river at New Geneva

B. & O. IMPORTS CAR WORKERS

Company Forced to Rush Repairs In Anticipation of Fall Demand

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has been importing men every day this week to work in the car repair shops The company is seeking all the men it can here to fix cars The shortage of cars is the most difficult problem the railroad has to deal with There is a demand for cars east and west and when the western crops begin the heavy fall movement in a few weeks the demand for freight cars of every kind will be more pronounced

The Baltimore & Ohio is trying to meet the situation as well as possible by putting every crippled car on its lines in good repair as speedily as possible

Work on Big Rainey Dam.

Work on the 80 000 000 gallon reservoir at the Allison works of the W J Rainey Coke Company four miles south of Brownsville will start at once P J Foye of South Brownsville has been awarded the contract The dam will contain 5 000 cubic yards of concrete More than 30 000 cubic yards of excavation will be necessary A 220 foot earth fill will be placed against the back of the dam to reinforce it The retaining wall will be about 200 feet long and 40 feet high

Ditching Machine at Work

The B & O has a ditching machine at work in the yards at this place

FRICK COMPANY IS CLEARED OF BLAME FOR LEMONT DEATHS

Coroner's Jury at Uniontown Inquest Exonerates Owners of Flooded Mine.

EXPERTS TELL OF SAFEGUARDS

State Mine Inspector Roby Company Inspector King and Corporation Officials Testify—New Cement Walls Said to Preclude Similar Disasters

Declaring that the conditions on July 24 when three men drowned in the flood in the Lemont mine were of such a nature to be beyond human control the coroner's jury Thursday afternoon exonerated the H C Frick Coke Company for the death of Peter Evans John Volcheck and John Scanlon

At the hearing in Uniontown conditions in the mine were given in detail The various openings their positions and the safeguards all were described by experts I C Roby State Mine Inspector Superintendent Callaghan Assistant Superintendent Barnhart, Yard Boss Logan Brick Yard Boss McQuillan and Mine Inspector Justin King were among the witnesses

Since the flood concrete protecting walls have been erected making it almost impossible for water to get into the mine An official said today that unless the water were to rise three feet more than on July 24 it would be impossible for it to enter the mine

The finding of the jury follows

We find from the evidence presented that the flooding of the mine was caused by excessive rainfall which caused Cove run to back up and overflow its banks with sufficient rapidity to allow it to pass through the mine ways into the mine that when the danger was discovered every effort was made to prevent the water entering the mine that the mines were entirely filled at once as soon as the danger was discovered These were unusual circumstances over which no one had control and for which no one can be censured

4,650 LOCOMOTIVES AVERAGE OUTPUT IN THE YEAR 1911

Prospects of Manufacturers of United States for Prosperity Considered

During the year 1911 orders for a total number of 4 850 locomotives were placed with the manufacturers in the United States and Canada in the six months ended June 30 a total of 10 to 20 times was reported ordered This does not include those number of Canadian orders which have not been announced July orders to a large extent did not and August figured out 3 000 making a total for the eight months of the year of 4 6 0 locomotives a year

Should business keep up at the rate is obvious that locomotive companies generally will be greatly benefited Average orders of between 4 000 and 5 000 engines a year would insure prompt to all the companies engaged in their manufacture.

B & O. PLACES CULVERTS

Company Prepares to Guard Against Further Damage by Washouts

A large shipment of culverts ranging in size from 18 to 24 inches has been received at the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Company to be laid at various points on the division for carrying surface water from the right of way The work of placing the culverts will require several months and is necessitated by the numerous washouts caused by recent floods

A gang of nearly 100 laborers was at work in front of the Connellsville depot of the Pittsburg & Ohio yesterday replacing the 8 pound rail with 90 pound steel Rails between Connellsville and Rockwood are to be laid as well as on other sections of the Connellsville division

LETS RAIL CONTRACT

Western Maryland Company Orders 23-7 Tons 90 Pound Rail

The Western Maryland Railway Company has awarded a contract for 3 325 tons of 90 pound steel rails for improvement work in progress at various points along the line of the Carnegie Steel Company of Pittsburg

It is expected the first delivery under the contract will be made by the Carnegie company in the next two weeks

The Western Maryland will not begin to figure on its steel rail requirements for replacement work during the new fiscal year for some months to come possibly not until January or February

20 B & O Men Killed in August

Twenty employes of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company were killed in August according to reports posted by the Safety Committee in the Connellsville division offices Six were killed in July and four the preceding month The report of the committee declares the unusually large number of fatalities discouraging and that in but one instance the accident could have been avoided by better inspection

Buyer for McKeesport Mill

It was reported reported here today that the American Sheet & Tin plate Company was negotiating for the McKeesport Tinplate Company at Port Vue that the parties were only $1 000 000 apart the Port Vue Company wanting $7 000 000 It has 22 hot mills and employs 2 000 men

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HAYWOOD TO CALL GENERAL STRIKE ALL OVER AMERICA

Leader of the I W W Declares Steel Workers Will Walk Out

NEW YORK Sept 6—In protest against the imprisonment at Lawrence Mass of Joseph J Ettor and Arthur X Giovannitti since last January William D Haywood leader of the Industrial Workers of the World announced today that on September 30th all the I W W men and women in all trades will strike and will issue call to all other workers of America to strike He said the call will be printed at once in almost every language and that it will be directed to all classes of workers in all parts of the country without special regard to unions or organization affiliations.

Haywood has just returned from Province R I where a meeting of the Ettor and Giovannitti defense committee was held last night and plans completed for the protest strike

We are not acting hastily said Haywood The labor world has been more wrought up by the imprisonment of these men than by anything in years It is causing agitation in foreign countries as well as here We feel that it is now time to take the most radical steps These men are in jail and no date has been set for a hearing They are scheduled to be railroaded to the electric chair They are held because a woman was shot during the Lawrence strike although witnesses were produced who swore they saw a policeman shoot her

This call will mean a walk out of the steel industry We have positive assurance that the steel workers will respond from numerous other classes we have positive assurance that the workers will go out It will be a general strike without limitations

YOUNGSTOWN PLANT IS SOLD

American Sheet & Tin Plate Company Sells to the Tube Company.

The announcement is made of the purchase by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company of the Struthers plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company The latter company is dismantling the machinery and moving it away The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company at once will begin installing new machinery and manufacture conduits for electric wiring It is expected that it will be in operation by November 1

The Struthers plant is one of the oldest of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company It has been operated 10 years It has been closed since the big strike of 1909 There have been rumors at various times that the mill would be dismantled and the purchase by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company has been expected At the start the new plant will employ 100 men

Steel Testers to Pittsburg

NEW YORK Sept 6—The Congress of the International Association For Testing Materials which has been in session here all week will conclude its business tomorrow Thirty foreign delegates accompanied by members of the American societies will go by special train to Washington where they will inspect the Government testing laboratories The same train will take the members to Pittsburg where they will spend Saturday and Sunday and will visit the coal mines the steel manufacturing plants the electrical factories The members will then go to Buffalo and Niagara Falls and from there back to New York inspecting the works of the Bethlehem Steel Company en route

River Coal Gains in August.

River coal shipments for August made substantial gain over the shipments of last month According to the report of the local manager of coal loaded for August was 1 001 000 bushels This is a gain over the shipments for July which were 14 031 000 bushels

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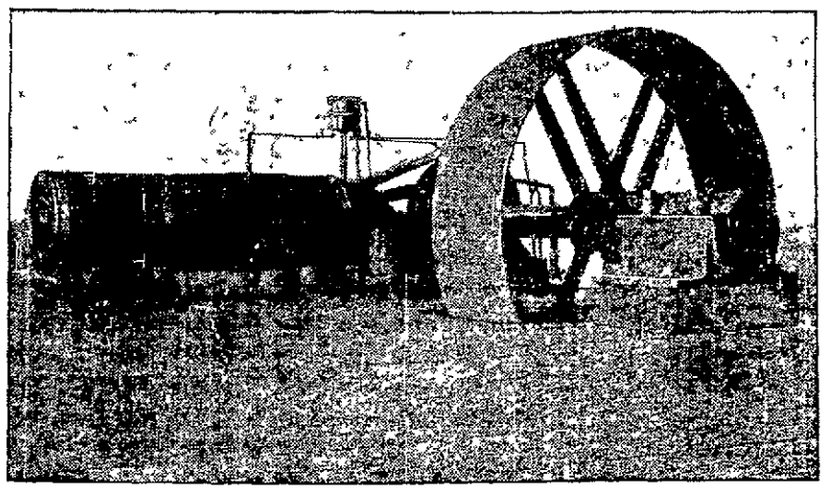

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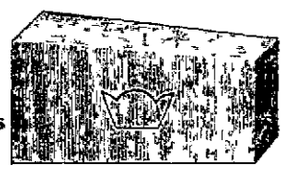

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